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Yaumati..Dep.	6.48	—	—	—	9.25	10.08	12.18	1.23	—	—	4.38	5.48	7.44
Shatin ...Dep	7.01	—	—	—	9.38	10.20	12.30	1.35	—	—	4.50	6.00	7.56
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Taipo Market..Dep.	7.20	—	—	—	9.58	10.37	12.47	1.52	—	—	5.08	6.17	8.13
Fanling ..Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.10	10.47	12.57	2.02	—	—	5.18	6.27	8.23
Sheung-shui ...Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	9.45	10.15	10.52	1.02	2.07	—	3.28	5.23	6.32	8.27
Shum-chun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.51	10.21	10.58	1.08	2.13	3.10	3.34	5.29	6.38	8.33
Canton ...Arr.	—	12.05	—	—	5.48	—	—	—	6.20	—	—	—	—

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Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	9.15	10.47	—	—	12.00	3.00	4.50	5.58	—	—	—
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Yaumati ...Dep.	8.11	9.56	11.26	—	—	12.42	3.44	5.29	6.38	—	—	—
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GERMANY'S EMPIRE BUILDING AMBITIONS.

PLANS TO REGAIN LOST COLONIES.

FRENCH POLITICIANS' PESSIMISTIC VIEWS.

COMMISSION'S PRAISE FOR TOGO'S RECONSTRUCTION.

[United Press.]

PARIS.—Germany having gained satisfaction on her demand for an early evacuation of the Rhineland by the Allies and seeing experts gathered to discuss her request for a return of the Saar and its rich mines, is now looking ahead to the last of her ambitions, the restoration of her colonies lost by the treaty of Versailles.

French political pessimists contend that there is no reason to believe Germany will fail in this mission any more than she did in the others. Officially, the French Government insists there have been no overtures and that the question has been settled by the peace treaty.

Versailles Treaty.

The peace treaty has been altered so many times, however, that, as M. Clemenceau had said it could no longer be recognized as a child of his. Under the terms of the peace treaty, the French troops were to remain in the Rhineland until 1935, and at that time the Saar was to decide by plebiscite whether it would become French or German. All that has been wiped off the boards long ago.

At Versailles, Germany signed away her claim to her colonies: Cameroun, Togo, Southwest-Africa, Tanganyka, Ruanda-Urundi, New Guinea, Nauru Island, Corea, Formosa, Kootchou and Loochoo. These peoples were placed under mandate to France, Belgium, England, Japan and the British Dominions of Australia, New Zealand and Union of South Africa.

These former German possessions are no longer colonies, but mandated territories, expensive heirlooms of the war to those who inherited their care. The mandate holders are privileged to spend vast sums of money building up and governing the mandated territories, but gets nothing but worries in return.

What France Has Done.

France has spent much time and money in taking care of her mandated territories, Cameroun and Togo, and official circles believe that she will oppose any effort to wrest her mandates from her. In these African colonies, she has undertaken a vast scheme of social and economic reform, an outstanding feature of which is a law to curb the use of alcohol.

Cameroun, which consumed 1,176,000 quarts of alcohol, under German occupation, in 1911 disposed of but 104,200 quarts under French control last year. This plague which threatened to wipe out the native race of that part of Africa seems to have been curbed.

"The question of mandated territories seems to me to have been settled once for all by the Versailles Treaty," M. Peyrouton, one of the principal colaborators of the French Ministry of Colonies, said to the United Press.

International Law.

"The mandate is a creation of international law. Its theory is that of government by a stronger nation under which the sleeping native population can hope for self-government when, from the lessons of its tutor, the country learns to govern itself.

"That is the argument of Van Rees, the jurist who specialized in matters of mandates, and of the League of Nations mandate commission. The latter pointed out an error in the official gazette of Tanganyka, December 3, 1928, when Sir Donald Cameron sent a telegram to the Prince of Wales expressing his loyalty to the 'sovereign.' This was a grave error of principle.

"One serious point of argument is the length of duration of mandates. Italy insists they are purely temporary; France suggests that it is better not to speak of the subject. Denmark, an outside power, points out that by error it is often said that the mandates obtain powers from the League of Nations. Contrarily, any modification in mandates must have the consent of a group of former allied powers which includes also the United States.

"The mandate system seems to have proven its value. Each mandate's acceptance carries with it certain moral obligations: fight against slavery, fight against alcoholism and against abuses of labour; economic development, assistance to religious missions and suppression of fortifications and military works.

Road Building.

"Cameroun and Togo have made only progress under mandates. Cameroun was divided, England taking care of the strip of coast which the Germans had developed, and France annexing to Equatorial Africa the interior which is a territory four-fifths the size of Continental France.

"In 1914 the German colony had 250 kilometres of roads; to-day it has 4,500, and this has had a great beneficial effect on the physical, moral and social improvement of the country. The tribes are showing themselves capable of some government.

"An armed force once spread over the country to control it; to-day this army has been reduced to one soldier for every 6,000 square kilometres of territory. A peasant class has been created, good farmers, to raise coffee and cocoa. Everywhere France aids in the fight against sleeping sickness.

"In Togo, it is the same story of progress with our efforts there concentrated on building railroads. The Mandate commission of the League which recently studied reports of mandate holders had only praise for these accomplishments in Africa."

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.
(December 6.)

St. Nicholas.

Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Radio Exhibition, City Hall, 6 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Coquette."

World Theatre: "Mark of Zorro."

Star Theatre: "My Best Girl."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 11.27 p.m.; Low, 7.24 a.m.

European Mails: — Outward: Europe *vid* Siberia (s.s. Rajputana), 10.30 a.m.

Saturday.
(December 7.)

Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

Boxing Tournament, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Cricket:—Div. I.: Indian R.C. *v.* University (L), Navy *v.* Army (L), Chinese R.C. *v.* Kowloon (L), Craigengower *v.* Civil Service (F). Division II.: Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Recreio (L), University *v.* Indian R.C. (L), Kowloon C.C. *v.* Craigengower C.C. (L).

Football:—Senior Div.: Chinese *v.* South China, Royal Artillery *v.* Recreio, St. Joseph's *v.* Club Somerset *v.* Kowloon, Navy *v.* Police. Junior Div.: K.O.S.B. *v.* St. Joseph's, Royal Artillery *v.* Chinese "A," Kowloon *v.* Somersets, Ewo *v.* Navy, R.A.M.C. *v.* Recreio, South China "B" *v.* South China "A," Chinese "B" *v.* Eastern.

Radio Exhibition, City Hall, 2 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Coquette."

World Theatre: "Mark of Zorro."

Star Theatre: "My Best Girl."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

R.E. Dance: Wellington Banacks, 8.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

European Mails: — Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (Rawalpindi) 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.
(December 8.)

Second Sunday in Advent.

Queen's Theatre: "Behind that Curtain."

World Theatre: "Saxaphone Susie."

Star Theatre: "Give and Take."

Golf: Captain's Cup, First and Second Round of Championship, Fanling.

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Tea Dances: Repulse Bay Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 12.13 a.m.; Low, 9.13 a.m.

Monday.
(December 9.)

Sale of Crown Land, Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2285, 2286, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Behind that Curtain."

World Theatre: "Saxaphone Susie."

Star Theatre: "Give and Take."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 1.12 a.m.; Low, 10.03 a.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe *vid* Victoria, B.C. (Pres. Grant), 5 p.m.; *vid* Siberia (Pres. Grant), 6 p.m.

Tuesday.
(December 10.)

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

R.H.K. Golf Club annual general meeting, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Lecture: Dr. Shellshear "Prehistory of H.K. and the New Territories," Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Behind that Curtain."

World Theatre: "Two Lovers."

Star Theatre: "Fire Brigade."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 2.32 a.m. and 5.53 p.m.; Low, 10.47 a.m. and 10.50 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (Perseus), 2.30 p.m.

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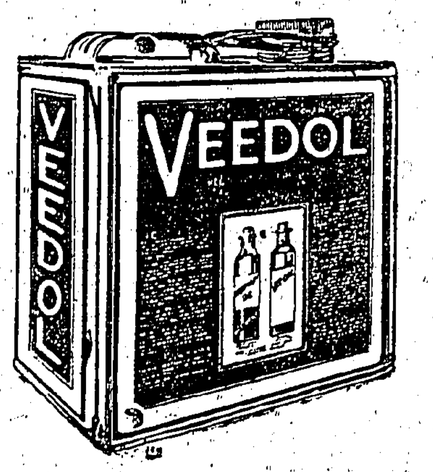
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WOMAN'S PAGE.

CLOTHES AND PERSONALITY.

ARE YOU SURE OF YOUR TASTE?

The business of dressing your type has two dangers, which may be described as the danger of wrong diagnosis and the danger of wrong treatment. Everyone knows the calamities that can result from faulty diagnosis—the firm-limbed young Amazon who miraculously sees herself as a slim and languorous houri and persists in wearing exotic dresses that cling and drip; the small, vivacious woman who loves to wear the richest fabrics and furs and elaborate frocks of the kind that call for height and dignity; the middle-aged and matronly looking person who likes herself best in girlish little frocks.

But there is also the opposite danger of keeping too rigidly to your type and falling a victim to a monotonous uniformity in dress.

These difficulties are immeasurably increased by the modern dress tendencies. The day of the standardised frock is over and we are faced with a choice of style and fabric. It is then that the dress



Baffling lines are introduced in this apparently simple gown of heavy crêpe marocain embroidered with golden flowers. Trailing draperies at the side give the effect of the longer skirt.

maker who has studied all the newest modes and is competent to judge what is becoming to each individual, becomes so invaluable to the woman who wishes to dress well. Such an adviser is Madame Rolande Sarrault. She passed many years as a corsetière which has given her an amazing skill in fitting even the most difficult figures. Her French birth and native dress sense, combined with close study, are responsible for her flair for clothes.

Madame has just returned from Paris bringing with her a collection of clothes and hats made up of models which she personally selected from the winter showings of the important houses. Most of these models are, of course, for sale. But besides this she will design and make for you a dress, coat or hat from your own materials, copying one of her stock models or any sketch, which you agree will become you, from one of the good fashion magazines. The price will be a matter of arrangement depending upon the type of garment but will be in no case unreasonable. One stipulation only does Madame Sarrault make that the material, if you provide it yourself, must be worthy of the model you wish her to copy, for you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear more easily with regard to frocks than anything else! Every model which she makes is guaranteed, that is to say if it does not fit or please you it will be put into stock and you need not take it.

I have not space to tell you much about the new stocks. There is some adorable sports wear from "Alix" of Paris, for whom Rolande Sarrault is the sole agent in China. Exquisite evening frocks, afternoon gowns and coats, besides millinery and a number of "hoods" which can be made on the head to suit each individual customer.

THE MODE FOR EVENING.

SOME EXQUISITE CREATIONS.

There is no doubt about it that the present evening mode is an outstanding affair. The loveliness and splendour that are achieved by rich fabrics and sweeping lines are their own sufficient justification, and every woman will want to have dresses and wraps in the grand manner of 1929.

The richness that is seen everywhere in the evening mode makes pailleted dresses look right again and not in the least dowdy. There is also a great deal of lace this year. Although lace dresses have higher waists, longer skirts, and hips that are more moulded and accented, they have, as before, the same flounces and ends, wings and boleros—in fact, are just lace dresses.

Evening wraps have any amount of variety of treatment. Any sort of coat, cape or wrap is right this year as far as length goes. Every kind of fabric and fur is used but one and all are magnificent in colour and material.

Pamela is now showing some wonderful evening frocks which arrived late last week. There is one of wine red georgette, cut on close princess lines and flaring from knee to ankle. A wreath of flowers is placed across the back just above the knee, serving to emphasise the long line of the thigh. A wonderful looped basque which takes a pannier line is the feature of a dress of pale peacock blue satin. Falling to the knee at the back, it is drawn up over the hips, to fasten almost at the natural waistline in front with a lovely strass buckle. A difficult line to wear but a very gracious one if correctly managed.

Leaf green satin makes one of those baffling jig saw frocks. The back is very cleverly cut and quite defies description, beyond saying that a flat bow developing from a hip yoke, falls in two long straight panels to the ground. Maize lace makes a dress with a charming rhythmic backward movement, and a deep U decolletage at the back. It is very long and close fitting giving a truly willowly line on the right figure.

THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW.

This season the higher waist line is more important than the higher education.

Evening dresses of net are important.

Purple is one of the most popular evening colours, and green in in various dark shades is excellent.

CHIC IN WINTER.

UNDIES WARM AND LOVELY.

Discovering *chic* in winter means discovering warmth. The loveliest model dresses lose their charm when their wearer is cold and shows sign of it. What can the woman of poor circulation do to keep her looks and her spirits in the cold months? Must she be loaded with coats and furs in a year when she wants to show the new lines of tightly fitting, charmingly belted dresses? Little coats to be worn over dresses are only half a solution to the problem, since they may spoil the line of the dress and conceal its newness. Underwear has, in general, to solve the problem. Washing satin brings warmth to some; a silk and wool mixture of underwear is the second choice for warmth. Luxury Chilprufe underwear is the third answer of those who really feel the cold and want underwear that will not thicken the waist or hiplines.

Some women who feel the cold find that they cannot wear wool next to the skin in comfort. For them the Ladies' Salon of Lane, Crawford's has an excellent suggestion in the form of the new American sports undies. Being made of the finest mercerised tricot and cut on very slender lines, they can be worn under woollies without adding perceptably to one bulk. There is an excellent selection, too, of silk and wool, and all wool, vests and combination in various weights, and little camisoles of shetland knit to wear under jumpers of either silk or wool or under afternoon frocks.

Those who prefer silken underwear will find a big range of Kayser and Celanese silk undies, and you do not need me to tell you that Lane, Crawford's are famed for their exquisite *crêpe de chine* and satin lingerie.



Narrow belts define the higher waist line on many of the new models. This frock of printed taffeta has a basque which evolves into a train of trailing side draperies.

THREE KEYS TO CHIC.

CLOTHES ARE NO LONGER STANDARDISED.

The day of the standardised, almost uniform, frock is past. The new, more feminine, fashions leave room for individuality, the mode can be interpreted in a hundred and one different ways. Directly that happens, it becomes much more difficult for the woman who is not quite sure either what she likes, or what suits her, to choose her clothes, and the value of a shop like The Attic, which you will find at the top of the Bank of East Asia Building opposite the St. Francis Hotel, goes up immensely.

The Attic, as I told you some weeks ago, was opened by two ladies who have a very special gift for choosing and designing clothes, and their policy is to sell as cheaply as possible. You will find nothing dowdy or cheap looking in The Attic wardrobes, every frock is truly a creation, a model, a Rolls Royce, not a Ford of the dress world, though the prices are often not so high as those of standardised garments made in hundreds. There are now-a-days three keys to *chic*, originality, personality, and style, those keys the ladies of the Attic hold in their hands and offer to their clients.

Let me illustrate. There is a coat of wine red velvet, the new three quarter length, with collar and cuffs of grey *moufflon*. It might be worn for evening, for afternoon when it would be exceedingly smart over a black silk dress, or even as a bridge coat. A black marocain dress for afternoon is cut with an original and beautifully fitting hip yoke. There is a deep U decolletage in front filled in with a plain vest of *écru* georgette, at the back of the neck is a small bow like those Vivonnet is so fond of. Amazingly cheap is a two piece of pale green silk, with a pleated skirt and an open coat edged with wool braid in a deeper tone. A charming jumper suit has a skirt of oyster kashatulla with dull blue showing in the pleats, and a knitted jumper in silk and wool in the same oyster tone, with narrow stripes of blue and a tinsel thread. Madonna blue *crêpe de chine* makes another afternoon frock which would be very becoming for the not so slender figure. The shaped collar is edged with the beige silk which makes vest.

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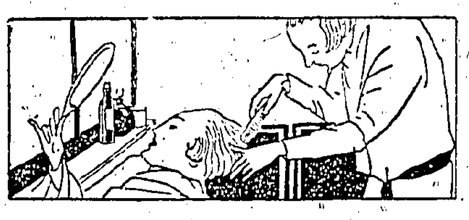
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SOME SIMPLE SECRETS.

During the hot weather we are only too eager to acquire a delicious tan and a wind-swept appearance in general, but, with the inconsistency of our sex, we are troubled over the fact that the mahogany complexion does not tone with delicate evening frocks.

Of course, the wisest plan is to prevent the ravages of sun wind, and salt water. The next best thing to do is to start right away to repair the damage.

First of all give the face, neck, and arms a thorough cleansing with a good hold cream or with olive or almond oil. Any of these well patted in and then wiped off with a soft cloth will act effectively.

Then pour a few drops of tincture of benzoin into a basin of rain water and go over all the skin with this applied on pieces of cotton wool.

Place a piece of ice in some cheese cloth and rub over face and neck until they tingle.

Elbow and Arms.

The elbows and upper arms will probably need more drastic treatment after their frequent contact with the grit of the beach. They will be roughened and discoloured, but here is a quick method of making them presentable once more.

Buy a good loofah, and as the skin will be somewhat tender, cut it lengthways and use the softer side until the skin has become accustomed to the friction. Rub up and down the arms, using a rotating motion at the elbow and dipping into a lather made of rain water and white soap flakes. Ten minutes at a time is not too long. Rinse and rub again with cold water, then dust with violet powder.

The Hair and Eyes.

The hair generally suffers even more than the complexion during the summer but unless the sun has actually been allowed to bleach it, the damage is very soon remedied.

First of all must come a shampoo to remove the sand and layer of greasy scurf which it is sure to have acquired. Perhaps the best shampoo to use is a nutritive one made up of an egg yolk and a few tablespoonsful of soap flakes. Rinse with water to which has been added the juice of a lemon.

After the shampoo a cut and a singe are advantageous, because much of the brittle hair will have broken off short, leaving ragged ends. Then should follow a rightly massage with olive or almond oil. This feeds the roots and also restores the gloss.

If scurf persists apply a lotion of borax and boiled water. Brush well next morning, and the dandruff will fall quite readily.

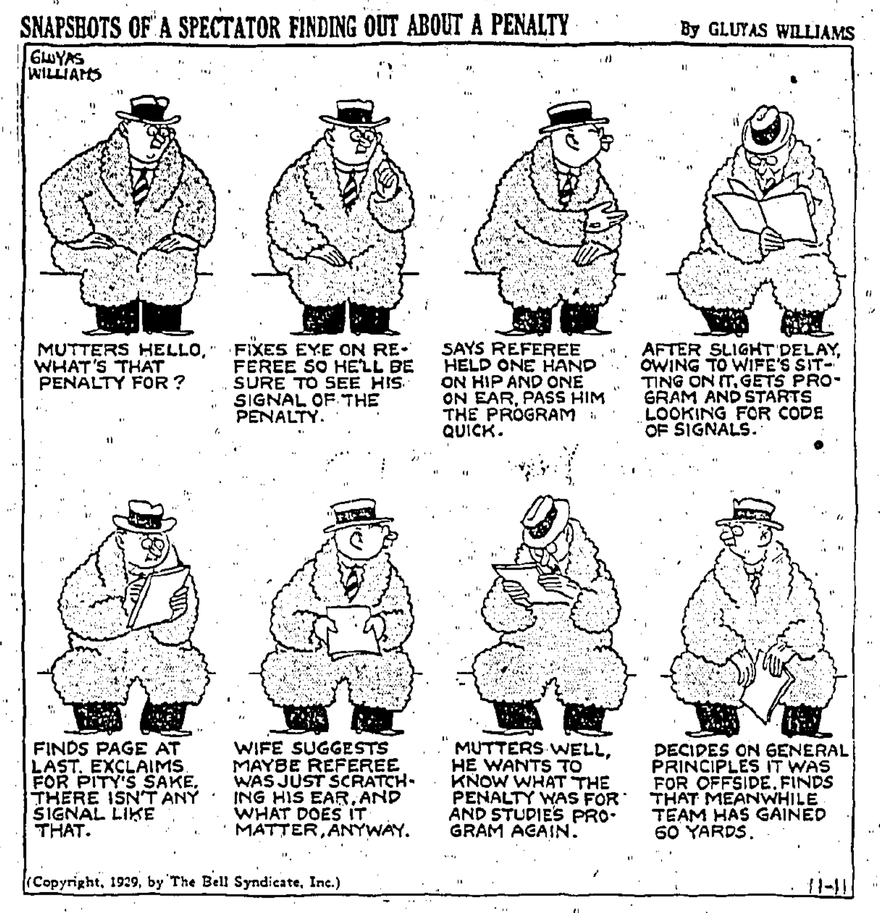
Now for the eyes. A boracic bath will prove the best treatment for them, using one teaspoonful to a pint of boiled water. The eyebrows, too, may need a little care. Vaseline, applied with a soft old toothbrush, will soon restore to them that well-groomed appearance which will match the other reparations.



WOMAN'S PAGE

SNAPSHOTS OF A SPECTATOR FINDING OUT ABOUT A PENALTY

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A CHRISTMAS SALE.

HATS AND FROCKS AT MUCH REDUCED PRICES.

The Felix Hat Shop, which always likes to spring delightful surprises on us, is holding a Christmas sale. Here is a chance to buy yourself a Christmas present, or if you have a big daughter to get her something new for the occasion. Even husbands might be persuaded, and taken there, before they buy their Christmas gift for you and, possibly, buy something which you do not want. There are some lovely things offered at very attractive prices. A big collection of this seasons felt hats marked down from $6 offering a lovely excuse to get just one more hat to go with a particular frock.

Jumper suits are from $20. I saw one delightful two piece in pale beige jersey, the jumper having an interesting trimming band in apple green. A three piece suit is knitted in a fairly heavy weight wool of a pretty blue. The pull over which is worn under a sleeveless coat is in blue and silver.

Afternoon frocks have been marked down very low indeed and a most tempting choice is offered. I noticed one of *perruche* blue *crêpe de chine*, made with an apron effect and trimmed with *plissé* frills. A little dress of white net would be charming for a *thé dansant* or for a young girl for evening. The skirt has a pretty panniered effect trimmed with tiny frills of lace. There are also some very *chic* afternoon frocks of black *crêpe*, satin and marocaine.

It is not much use my describing in detail any of the things I saw on Tuesday, for many of them will have been sold and you would be disappointed, but there were so many most attractive bargains that I feel sure you will not come out empty handed if you pay a visit to Felix one day soon.

SOME MORE SUGGESTIONS.

FATHERS TAKE NOTICE!

Here are some more suggestions to make Christmas happier for the family gained by a wander round Whiteaway, Laidlaw's.

A pre-Christmas treat which the little ones would enjoy would be a visit to Whiteaway's toy bazaar. Almost all the ground floor has been given up to it and looks like one big Christmas tree. The window, too, is very cleverly and attractively decorated.

Everything that you can think of for the little ones party is to be found. There are Christmas trees, decorations in glass and tinsel, special small toys and crackers for large parties, for the home as a more personal gift.

(*Continued on next Column.*)



THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL.

Christmas is the children's festival, and everyone who loves them will want to make it a happy day for the little ones. And it takes so little to make them happy. Toys need not be expensive, indeed children generally like the most costly ones least, but they must be chosen with understanding.

The lady superintendent of the Book and Bible Depot in Wyndham Street, knows and loves children, and she chosen the Christmas toys herself when she was Home during the summer. You will find there a big selection of quite inexpensive articles. Delightful dolls from Deans, unbreakable and beautifully large and small; stencil sets and rag books for the very little ones, books without number. There are rag books for the very little ones, small painting books for the stocking, a delightful series called the "Pet Books" at 70 cents, annuals story, fairy and animal books of all sorts.

Perhaps particularly attractive at the Christmas season are a series of books about the Christ child, told in simple language and charmingly illustrated.

presents, books, dolls, soldiers and a hundred and one other delightful things too numerous to catalogue. But remember that the Christmas goods sell early, every day lessens the selection, and Whiteaway's will store your purchases till you want them.

Now pater familias, please follow me upstairs to choose a present for the mother, who has more than she can do to get all the things she needs to make the children's Christmas a truly merry one.

You will find an array of cushions, from lovely silken ones for the drawing room to those in cretonne covers for the verandah. A new cushion can do wonders to brighten up a chair which is no longer in its first youth, and what a wonderful added comfort it gives. She would like too, a lovely bedspread, only please choose one which matches the colour scheme of her room, or perhaps you will choose a pair of those soft, warm and luxurious lamb's wool blankets bound with satin. Don't forget that most women are as pleased, if not more pleased, to receive some new French cotton range, and some attractive designs in printed satins.

FLOWERS AND BAGS.

GIFTS THAT ARE LOVELY AS WELL AS USEFUL.

There is always at least one problem to be faced when selecting a Christmas present, shall it be something practical, a luxury, or merely a delightful frivolity? The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop, where you can always find, the answer to woman's most pressing problem—hats—offers a solution of this question as well.

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Then for a small gift, but one which will be no less welcome. Why not an exquisite evening flower put up in an attractive little box? Boxes do add so much to the look of a gift at Christmas time. The little parcel wrapped in tissue paper may hold something charming, but the minature hat box beautifully made and decorated in which the Dolly Vardon gift flowers are contained, are a present in themselves, and give that hint of individual care in the selection of the gift which adds so much to its value.

SILKS AND SATINS.

The Pioneer Silk Store always has plenty of bright ideas for Christmas gifts. Among the new goods which have come in this week there are several things suitable for the purpose. First let me tell you about some new pyjamas. These are three piece sets, trousers, sleeveless jumper, and morning coat put up in a matching bag. They are made in a wide colour range, of good quality *crêpe de chine*, and a feature I was pleased to notice that the jumper back is of the same, not, as is so often the case, of a thinner silk. All three garments are charmingly embroidered in flower designs worked with a very small stitch in washing silk. These sets cost about $20 and are well worth the price.

As a return compliment you might—should your husband make you a present of one of these pyjamas sets—give him a suit of striped spun silk of which you will find a good choice. There are some boxes too, of matching handkerchief, tie, and bow tie in a nice range of colours and designs.

Among the new goods, are Kayser silk stockings, *crêpe de chine* in the

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HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Visitor (seeing for the first time a pugilist shadow-boxing at his his training quarters): "It's extraordinarily sad. How long has he been like this?"

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Dad had been detailing the new-chum off for his work. John had assured him he could ride "all right," so he was sent down for the horses. Airily leaping on old Lucy's back, however, she took to instant flight, making off in the direction of the huts instead of towards the horse paddock.

"Hey," Dad roared, "where do you think you're off to?"

"Dunno," floated breathlessly back. "Dunno till the horse be stop."

Manager (to new clerk): "I notice you make mistakes occasionally, Miss Shedlock."

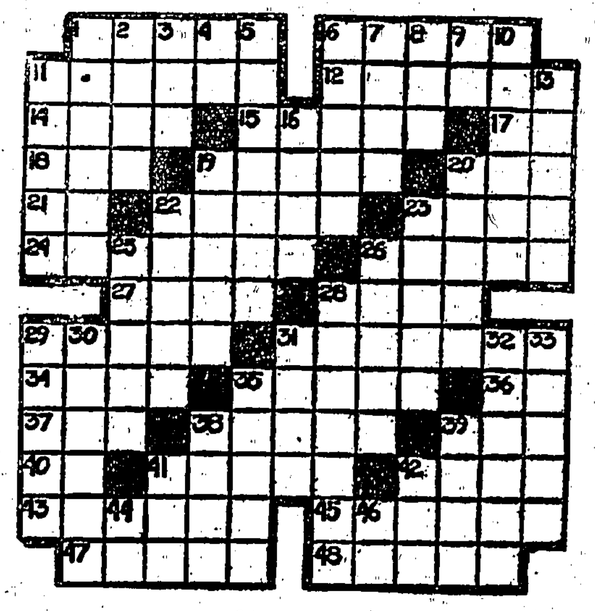
Miss Shedlock "Well, really, if one didn't make an occensional mistake one would never be noticed at all in this office."

"You know, waiter," said the new diner, "that I am very particular about the way my food is cooked. Now, I want a nice bit of steak and two eggs. The steak must be fillet, mind, or it's no good to me. I don't want it too thick, yet it mustn't be thin. About three-quarters of an inch thick. I don't like it raw, but an over-done steak is ruined. Just nicely red will do, with just a little bit of fat—not too much. You understand? About the eggs—you've new-laid eggs, I suppose? Well, two nice new-laid eggs. I like the ones with the brownish shells. Don't fry them too much—just nicely set; and see that they are not broken. And I'll have some chipped potatoes, too. See that they are about half an inch in thickness."

The waiter hurried away. Next minute his voice was heard delivering his message:

"Steak and two eggs!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

1.—Rhymsters.
6.—Sedate.
11.—A colour.
12.—Implied.
14.—Dash.
15.—Solitary.
17.—Pronoun.
18.—Everyone.
19.—Birds.
20.—Stage slang: a success.
21.—Negative.
22.—To send forward.
23.—Stockings.
24.—Followed.
26.—Journal.
27.—Courageous.
28.—Top of head.
29.—Narrow boards.
31.—Puts under restrain.
34.—Domestic animals.
35.—Aids.
36.—Pronoun.
37.—Poetic for open.
38.—Arts.
39.—To do wrong.
40.—Pronoun.
41.—Sea-nymph that lured sailors.
42.—Weight measures.
43.—To withdraw.
45.—To come forth.
47.—Fathered.
48.—Italian poet.

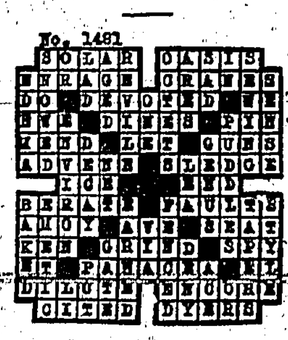
Vertical.

1.—Paleness.
2.—Spoken.
3.—Vast age.
4.—Toward.
5.—Entangled.
6.—Ostentatious.
7.—Cans.
8.—A suffix.
9.—Pronoun.
10.—To bequeath.
11.—Intended.
13.—To prevent.
16.—Burden.
19.—Prison rooms.
20.—Wishes expectantly.
22.—Outbreaks.
23.—Detests.
25.—Lessen.
26.—Separates.
28.—Smoothed feathers.
29.—To scrub.
30.—Runs out.
31.—Having power.
32.—Sharp local pain.
33.—To perceive.
35.—Ventilated.
38.—Telegram.
39.—Kind.
41.—Address of respect.
42.—A number.
44.—Musical note.
46.—Mother.

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WHAT "THE UNCROWNED KING AND QUEEN OF HOLLYWOOD" THINK OF TALKIES.

CHARMING SCREEN FAVOURITES IN REAL LIFE.

"I LOVE CHINA," SAYS DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

[By E.M.B.]

Kings and Queens may travel *incognito* and sometimes go about the world, even among their own subjects, undetected, but the great cinema stars whose features are familiar to millions can never hope to do so. Several days ago a rumour crept about that "Doug and Mary," the uncrowned king and queen of Hollywood, as they are often called, were passing through Hong Kong. The rumour spread and became a certainty, and when the P. & O. liner Rajputana docked yesterday morning she was besieged by a crowd of men and women who had come in the hope of seeing Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks in the flesh.

AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESS.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks were accompanied by Mr. Jack Pickford, and are leaving this morning for America. They were kind enough to grant a joint interview to representatives of the local Press aboard the Rajputana, answering all questions put to them with good humour and patience, although they were thus curtailing the few hours they had in which to visit the Colony.

"Doug" as Director—a Process of Elimination.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks are anxious to return to Hollywood and get back into harness.

"I'm longing to see all the new inventions and discoveries for making talking pictures," said Mr. Fairbanks. He received us in a small smoking room with delightful informality and was soon answering questions and discussing the film world with greatest enjoyment. He would not reveal any definite plans for future pictures, and said "I don't know, until I get home. One has all sorts of ideas on a trip like this—and impressions—then at home, suddenly something crystalises and a picture is born in one's mind." Picture-making, he continued, was a process of elimination, sorting out hundreds of impressions, and when the story was found eliminating all but the salient parts. Everything should be simple and direct. He felt that many of the modern motion picture directors in America failed to understand this. They were so anxious to get fresh angles, everything was sacrificed to novelty, and to catch-penny tricks to hold the attention of the audience. It was a mistake, he felt, to take stories from the theatre or from literature. The screen was a magnificent and individual medium, which was cramped by an attempt to conform with stage tradition.

And on the Talkies.

"What do you think of the future of talking pictures?" I asked Mr. Fairbanks.

"I am most enthusiastic about them," he answered, "and believe thoroughly in their future, you ought to hear them in New York, London or Berlin and you would be amazed at the progress that has been made. The mechanical difficulties are practically all settled, and all sorts of new inventions are being tried out to give stereoscopic effects, colours, and a true voice reproduction. The "funnel" voice, as though the actors were speaking through a megaphone, which you probably get with your installation here, has gone, and they are working now on a new invention which will make an enormous difference."

Extraneous Noises.

"What is that?" I asked.

"Well, you know how in real life there are all sorts of noises which you hear more or less subconsciously, those hammers and coolies' voices now for instance, they have been eliminated on our sound proof stages and that is what makes the voices of the actors boom. We are now working at an invention which will give all extraneous noises in their right proporton to the voices. You won't hear them but they will make the voices sound natural."

Lonsdale to Collaborate with "Doug."

"You know," Doug' went on, clasping his knee and speaking enthusiastically, "I think another mistake which is being made with 'talkies' now is that the proportion of talking and silent parts is wrong, it is much too great, the talking parts ought not to be more than 10 or 15 per cent. in my opinion."

"One of the difficulties of talking pictures seems to me to be that of getting really good words," I said. "In those that I have heard the words were often very inferior to the purely screen part."

"That is so," Mr. Fairbanks agreed. "I am awfully anxious to improve that and Freddy Lonsdale (author of "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne") is coming to meet me in Hollywood, and I hope he will write the script of a film for me. We do need first-class men to write the words for our talking pictures."

Colour and Action.

"I'm awfully interested in colour with regard to films," he went on, "and I've been studying that question during our trip."

"Do you think coloured films will ever be a success?" I asked.

Then "Doug" got excited. He got up and walked about. "Yes," he said, "I do. But we have got a lot to learn. The new colour films are in much softer tones. We have learnt to eliminate over much red. Do you know colour is very important in action? I have discovered that a spot of red has more effect than someone waving a sword for instance. Colour is fairly easy to manage in still scenes but it has seldom been successfully used in those of action. The colour in 'The Black Pirate' for example was much too strong and heavy."

The American Voice.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks have charming speaking voices with only a slight American accent, so I was emboldened to put the question as to whether American talkies could really hold the market captured by their silent films, in English-speaking countries.

Douglas Fairbanks, who is a most delightful person to interview, with his easy friendliness, humour and willingness to answer any question, countered mine with another question.

"Suppose."—and he smiled the smile that has made him famous all over the world—"Suppose you made a film in Lancashire—or Devonshire—with local actors, how much do you suppose the ordinary American audience would understand?"

"Nothing," I laughed, "but Mr. Fairbanks it does spoil one's pleasure in a good film if one can't understand the words."

"That's what the talkies are going to do," he replied, "they are going to teach all the world to understand ——"

"American!" I ventured.

"Sure," and Doug's jolly laugh which we have so often "heard" in imagination on the silent screen rang out in the little room.

A Family Film.

"Why don't you make a family film starring yourself, Mrs. Fairbanks, and your son?" asked one of the company. "We should like to see you all together."

Doug laughed, "It takes about a year to make a picture," he said. "We should all be dead by then. I have my ideas about how things should be done, Mary has hers, and Junior wants to run the world!"

ENTER MARY PICKFORD.

"DOUG" ABDICATES THE THRONE.

Then there was a stir and Mary Pickford entered. "Doug" jumped up off the stool—the throne on which he had been sitting cross-legged to hold his court—and introduced his wife. Not that any introduction was needed of the woman who has won the title of "all the World's Sweetheart."

Mary Pickford is as charming a figure in real life as on the stage, even though her golden curls are shorn to shingle style. She was dressed in a tweed frock, over which she wore a sable coat and a tiny close fitting hat of leaf brown velvet with a short, loose veil. Mary's eyes are her greatest beauty, and her voice when she spoke came as a surprise after hearing her in "Coquette." She explained to us that in that picture she was playing a Southern girl and the accent was part of the role. "It would have seemed absurd to any American if I had spoken in that picture in my natural voice," she said.

Talkies in Their Infancy.

Asked what she thought about the future of the talkies, Mary Pickford gave a clever explanation of much which that has puzzled cinema patrons about this new medium.

"Talkies," she said, "are in their infancy, they are only one year old while silent pictures are twenty. It is not fair to compare them. It seems to me that five years progress has been made in one. You say that those you have seen are crude, so were the first silent films; they must be. With the present technique you must have rather crude and violent melodrama. When the voice reproduction is better we can have films with all the fine and delicate shades of emotion which would simply be lost now."

No Wish to Create New Personal Role.

"Were you satisfied with 'Coquette'?" I asked.

"Yes, I was, I liked the part and I liked the cast."

"What are you planning to do next?"

"I am not sure, but it will be a modern story," said Mary. "I hope to make a talkie and a silent picture at the same time, if the technical difficulties can be got over."

"Why a silent film if you are so sure of the future of the talkies?"

"There are many places where English is not understood," she replied, "and I think it would be a pity if we lost the world market."

"Will you play a definite role in future," I asked. "Since you have given up the little girl roles which made you famous. I wonder if you will create another personal role."

"I did not have to give them up," she replied, "it was quite voluntary. I don't think though, that I shall allow myself to be tied in that way again. I am only the medium of my art, I want to do whatever I can do best for art's sake."

A Duty to Mothers.

"You see," she went on, "my position is not easy. I have a duty to the thousands of mothers who have supported me so wonderfully and always take their children to see my films. Mary Pickford can't make a film which would harm a child. I have to be much more careful than anyone else. I daren't have anything in my pictures the least *risqué*."

Photographed on Deck.

When at last all questions were answered, Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks had another graceful concession to make. Going out on deck they allowed the Press men to photograph them standing in a group with other Press representatives. "Doug," whose high spirits never seem to fail, suddenly sprang in the air and did one of his famous "stunts" in front of the camera.

Threatened Boycott of Fairbanks Film.

According to telegram received yesterday morning by the *S.C.M.P.*, Chinese circles in Shanghai have cabled to Mr. Douglas Fairbanks assuring him of a welcome there despite the threatened boycott due to an incident in the film "The Thief of Bagdad" in which Fairbanks pulled the queue of a Mongolian character, which was considered a slight on the Chinese nation.

When Mr. Fairbanks was shewn the cable, he laughed and said "Tell them I love China, any way it wasn't a Chinese it was a Mongolian, and the picture was made from an Arabian Nights Story and had no reference to modern China.

MARY PICKFORD.

Born in Toronto, Canada, on April 8, 1893 (now close on her 37th year). Her family name was Smith and her mother was a character actress. First married Owen Moore whom she divorced in 1920.

On March 28, 1920, she married Douglas Fairbanks.

Made her debut on the stage at the early age of five and scored her first marked success in movies in "Hearts Adrift." Has appeared as leading lady ever so many times, among her best known films are "Tess of the Storm Country," "Cinderella," "Fanchon the Cricket," "Little Annie Rooney" and now "Coquette."

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

Douglas Fairbanks, Hollywood's greatest athlete whose hair-raising stunts makes even the best of acrobats green with envy, was born in Denver, Colorado, on May 23, 1883. He married Anna Beth Sucly on July 11, 1907, and divorced 1918.

First appearance in New York 1901 and has starred among other pictures in "Hawthorne of the U.S.A.," "Frenzied Finance," "All for a Girl," "A Gentleman from Mississippi," "Robin Hood," "The Mark of Zorro" and "The Thief of Bhagdad."

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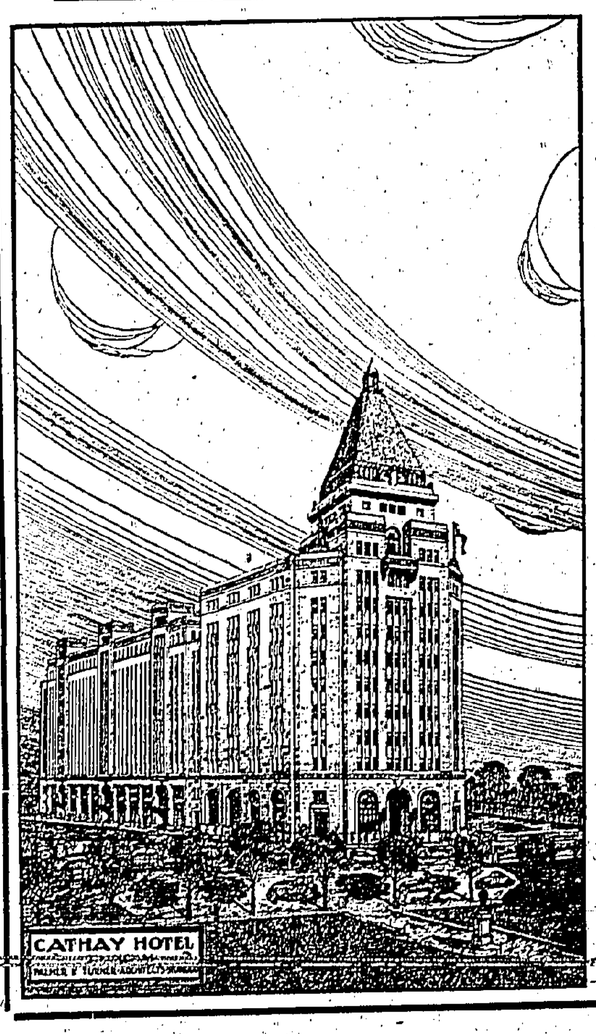
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ALL QUIET IN CANTON.

There appears to be a lull on the North River front. The Kwangsi-"Ironside" forces have taken all the land west of the River and are awaiting the arrival of more troops before launching a general offensive with the idea of effecting a crossing.

Meanwhile more troops and gunboats are arriving from the North.

Canton is quiet, but extraordinary precautions are being taken and everything closes down early each evening.

CANTON'S SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS.

FIVE "SPIES" SHOT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 5.

Canton passed an even more apprehensive night last night. Relentless military precautions were everywhere apparent. After 9.30 no vehicle of any kind was permitted on the streets, except the military lorries. Even the ricksha pullers were not allowed to do business. Night life is paralysed. Cafes and restaurants which would otherwise remain open till the small hours of the morning are closed at about 9 or 10 p.m. owing to lack of business.

The cinema houses are shuting down at an unusually early hour. Soldiers, Gendarmes, Police and the Merchants V.D.C. are vigilantly patrolling the streets.

ON THE RIVER.

On the River the conditions are even more stringent. Gunboats and the Water Police launches are constantly moving up and down the Harbour. No sampans are permitted to remain at anchor immediately opposite the Bund or near the Honam side of the River. They have to be parked at least 20 feet away from the shore. No ferries are to be had after 8.30 p.m. The conditions for to-night are going be even more rigid, it is learned.

CONSPIRATORS CONFESS AND DIE.

Another five agents of Chang Fat Fui were arrested yesterday. While on trial they confessed that their mission to Canton was to lead the brigands of Tungkoon and Sheklung against Canton in accordance with the instructions of the "Ironsides" leaders—acting when the time was opportune. These bandits were to be an integral part of the "Iron Army" under the leadership and direction of the five men. After completing their examination, Police Commissioner Au Yang Kui ordered the firing squad to take them out to Red Flower Hill and finish the job.

Canton is somewhat quieter to-day, and no firing has been heard. The heavy firing which suddenly broke out in the north-eastern suburb of the city yesterday remains still a mystery to the general public. One theory is that the affair was a sham battle! But the Government gave out no warning beforehand. Towards 8 o'clock in the evening the writer, while walking on the streets, heard more rifle shots from the same direction. Nothing is known as to the cause.

ON THE RIVER BANKS.

RIVAL ARMIES MASSING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 5.

Severe fighting still continues between the opposing forces on the North River. All the land west of the North River is now in the hands of the "Ironsides" and the Kwangsi troops. But the east bank of the River is still held by General Chen Tsai Tong's men. The invaders have, as yet, made no serious attempt to cross the River but are waiting for reinforcements. It is said that only a part of the "Ironsides" and the Kwangsi troops have reached the North River, the main body being still in the upper reaches of the West River district. When the entire force has arrived, attempts will be made to cross the River and advance upon Canton. The big attack will be launched in the course of a day or two.

Meanwhile the pro-Nanking troops are fighting a defensive battle, trying to keep the enemy from crossing the River. Pending the arrival of help from Nanking, no attempt will made to recover any of the land west of the North River.

GENERALS GO TO THE FRONT.

General Ho Ying Chien, the Commander-in-Chief, General Chen Tsai Tong and General Chen Ming Shu left Canton this morning for the North River sector to inspect the defences and perhaps direct operations. The party went to Wongsha Station in several heavily guarded automobiles. From there they took a special train for Yuen Tan, Kwan Tin, Sun Kai and other stategic points along the North River districts.

The reported fall of Yuen Tan is untrue. A contingent of the "Ironsides" attacked Yuen Tan, but was finally repulsed with the aid of several bombing planes.

Another contingent of Nanking troops, constituing part of the 8th Division, arrived in Canton to-day, and is being sent to the front. Still another shipload is expected to-morrow. General Shao Liang, Commander of these two Nanking divisions, is expected to arrive in Canton to-day in company with Divisional Commander Mo Ping Wen.

THE BAFFLING HUNAN LEADER.

The baffling General Ho Chien, of Hunan, who allowed the "Ironsides" to cross his province unmolested and sent many and varying reports to Canton and Nanking, is again reported to be sending an army to Kwangsi to cut off the possible retreat of the "Ironsides" and their allies! He has sent a representative to Canton, Liu Hsueh Lung, to talk the matter over with the local Higher Command. In conversation with the pressmen, he stated that Hunan is solidly behind Nanking, and will do its utmost to help exterminate the "Ironsides" and the Kwangsi troops.

CANTON'S PLAN OF ATTACK.

SHIUHING, SZEWUI, THEN WUCHOW.

According to the vernacular Press, it has been arranged by Ho Ying Chien that Chen Tsai Tong's troops are to co-operate with the naval flotilla to defend the districts along the West River, and counter-attack the rebels when the Nanking troops arrive. General Chen Ming Shu's troops and the two Nanking Divisions under Tan Tao Yuan and Chang Fai Chun are to deal with the rebels on the North River districts. The main body of the Nanking reinforcements, which are expected in Canton very shortly, will be dispatched to the northern front. General Chu Shao Liang, Commander of the 6th Route Army, will be appointed Commander-in-Chief of all the forces on the northern front, while Chen Tsai Tong will be in command on the western front. Ho Ying Chien and Chen Tsai Tong will remain in Canton.

The third stage is to clear the rebels from the North River districts; then the troops will march towards Wuchow.

BATTLES OF WANGSHEK AND TSINGYUEN.

KWANGTUNG SUCCESSES CLAIMED.

Canton troops quartered at Wangshek, on the North River between Yingtak and Tsingyuen, were attacked on Wednesday evening by over a thousand of "Ironsides" from Kaotin on the Little North River, and large number of bandits under Mok Hung. Simultaneously, another attack was launched upon the Canton troops at Tsingyuen by over three thousand "Ironsides" under Wu Ki Wai.

In Wangshek, firing was exchanged across the River throughout the night. On the following morning, the invaders withdrew to Pakmiao. During the fighting, large quantities of ammunition were brought from Canton to the field of battle by the Canton-Hankow Railway. Over a hundred wounded soldiers were taken to Canton the following morning for medical treatment.

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In Tsingyuen, the "Ironsides" and bandits tried to cross the North River at mid-night after two hours' severe fighting, but they were beaten back and withdrew early next morning. It is reported that over two hundred "Ironsides" were killed while trying to cross the river.

GUNBOATS FROM NANKING.

According to the vernacular Press, two more Nanking gunboats, the Yungshui and Chungho arrived in the Colony at about nine o'clock yesterday (Thursday) morning *en route* to Canton. Upon arrival, they were moored at Hunghom for coaling.

It is reported that another Nanking gunboat named Ping Chiang also passed through the Colony on Wednesday.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO AT CLUB LUSITANO.

PORTRAIT UNVEILED AND PRESENTATION MADE TO MME. TAMAGNINI.

WELCOME BY LARGE GATHERING.

No better evidence can be found of the great respect and high esteem in which Senhor Barbosa and Mme. Tamagnini are held by the Portuguese community of Hong Kong than the exceptionally large gathering that met in the Hall Luiz de Conmes of the Club Lusitano yesterday evening to do honour to the Governor of Macao and his wife on His Excellency's return to Macao from Lisbon to resume administration of the Government of the Portuguese Colony.

THE HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA'S TRIBUTE.

About half an hour before the appointed time for the formal reception, the fine hall in the Club building was filled by over three hundred persons, including many ladies, representing every section of the Portuguese community in Hong Kong and Kowloon. The Portuguese associations in the Colony—the Club Lusitano, Club de Recreio, Associacao de Soccorros Mutuos, and the Liga Portugueze—and the Catholic Union were fully represented by the presence of members of the respective committees and their ladies. The hall was simply and effectively decorated with pot palms.

In the lobby of the Club to receive Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa were:—Mr. A. Cerveira d'Albuquerque e Castro, Consul-General for Portugal, and the following members of the Club Committee:—The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga (President), Messrs. M. A. Simoes (hon. secretary), E. J. de Figueiredo (hon. treasurer), A. F. B. Silva-Netto, F. J. Silva, H. R. Sequeira, and A. H. Basto. His Excellency the Governor of Macao, with whom was Mme. Tamagnini, accompanied by Capt. St. Clara Ferreira, A.D.C., and Capt. Zanatti, private secretary, were welcomed to the Club by the Committee and escorted to the hall. The official party was greeted with the national anthem played by Mr. P. N. Sequeira's band. Then followed the formal introduction conducted by the President of the Club. To every member of his community Senhor Barbosa had a few words to say, and with those whom he knew before at Macao he conversed reminiscently of his younger days in the neighbouring colony.

Welcome by the Portuguese Consul-General.

The first address of the evening was delivered by the Portuguese Consul-General who extended to Senhor and Mme. Barbosa a warm welcome on behalf of the members of the Club Lusitano and of the entire Portuguese community in Hong Kong.

Mr. J. P. Braga's Welcome.

Returning thanks to His Excellency the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, who spoke in Portuguese, said:—

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—The debt under which you, Sir, have placed the members of the Club Lusitano—indeed the entire Portuguese Community of Hong Kong—to you, is such that it is almost impossible for me to find adequate expression of thanks to tender to you on behalf of the Club Lusitano. Yours has been a great achievement in the interest and for the benefit of the Portuguese Community of Hong Kong by securing from the Government, of whom you are such a distinguished official, the permanency of this magnificent Club building for the members of the Club Lusitano. The duty is imposed upon me to tender to you, Sir, on behalf of the members of this Club, an humble expression of our very sincere thanks and grateful acknowledgment. (Loud applause.)

It is a poor return that we can make to you when we appeal to Your Excellency to concede to us the honour of being able permanently to associate your memory with this institution." We would respectfully like to ask you to accede to our request that your photograph be hung up on the wall of the Hall Luiz Camoes as that of a great benefactor and friend of this institution who should be gratefully remembered by the Portuguese of Hong Kong for all time.

As a memento of the present auspicious occasion, Mme. Barbosa will, I hope, permit the members of this Club to offer a small souvenir of her visit this afternoon. (Loud applause.)

It is only fitting that one who has taken so much personal interest in advancing the prayers of our petition to Your Excellency with respect to this Club should be associated prominently in the gratifying ceremony on this occasion.

I will now, therefore, ask Mr. Cerveira, the Consul-General, to unveil Your Excellency's photograph. To him I must also express the Club's best thanks for his helpful co-operation. (Prolonged applause.)

Cheers and applause, by the enthusiastic gathering, followed the unveiling by the Portuguese Consul of an enlargement of the photograph of Senhor Barbosa, which occupies a prominent position on the wall of the large hall. The photograph is a very faithful likeness of His Excellency.

Presentation to Mme. Tamagnini.

As a souvenir of the auspicuous occasion the members of the Club Lusitano, by their President, begged Mme. Tamagnini's acceptance of a pair of ladies' opera glasses bearing the following inscription:—

"To Madame Tamagnini. Presented by the Club Lusitano. Hong Kong, 5.12.29."

Little Miss Maria Trigo da Roza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. da Roza, handed Madame Tamagnini an exquisite bonquet of flowers tied with ribbons of the Portuguese national colours.

With Mme. Tamagnini, who gracefully received the tributes of respect from the Portuguese of Hong Kong, were Mme. and Miss Albuquerque e Castro.

His Excellency thanked Mr. Braga for the very kind things said about himself, and expressed great pleasure at once more meeting his friends in Hong Kong. Senor Barbosa Tamagnini then thanked all present for the gift made to his wife.

Telegram to Minister for the Colonies.

The assembly, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, seconded by Mr. E. J. de Figueiredo, hon. treasurer of the Club Lusitano, passed by acclamation a resolution of thanks to the Minister for the Colonies in Lisbon for the granting of the Club's petition. His Excellency Senhor Barbosa kindly undertook to transmit the resolution by telegram.

Tea was served, after which dancing started and was kept up with much enthusiasm until 9 p.m. The proceedings concluded with the Portuguese National Anthem and "God Save the King."

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS.

NOTICES AT THE LOCAL REGISTRY.

Forthcoming weddings notified to the Registrar of Marriages include the following:—

Mr. Francis Brett, of the P.W.D., residing at 5, United Terrace, Homantin, to Miss Charlotte Josephine Bearwolfe, teacher at the Italian Convent, Caine Road.

Dr. Au King, M. B. B. S., of 41, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, to Miss Wong Man Ying, of 38c, Bonham Road.

Dr. Edward Wickham Jueyow Sun, M.B., B.S., of 4, Babington Path, to Miss Constance May Quan, of 33, Kowloon Tong.

Mr. Chan Yan Chow, of "Bury Side," Robinson Road, to Miss Ng Tak Yuen, of 10, Babington Path.

DR. KOTEWALL OBJECTS.

TO SECTION 87 IN LIQUOR ORDINANCE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S BUSY DAY.

The Legislative Council spent a busy session at their meeting yesterday when a number of new Ordinances amending existing Ordinance were read for the first time. These included:

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Redemption Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1917.

The Attorney-General also moved the second and final readings of:—

An Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance, 1921.

An Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton moved the second and third readings of:—

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Portuguese Province of the Jesuit Order.

An Ordinance to amend the Jesuit Order Incorporation Ordinance, 1927.

Obligations of Witnesses.

In the course of the discussions upon the proposed new Liquor Ordinance, Dr. Kotewall moved that the proposed new section 87a be deleted as it was contrary to the spirit of English jurisprudence. As he understood it, no person except a witness in a properly constituted tribunal was compelled by law to give information. According to Halsbury (vol. 13, page 574) even a witness before such a tribunal "may refuse to answer a question on the ground that the answer may tend to incriminate him; i.e., may tend to expose the witness, or the husband or wife of the witness, to any kind of criminal charge or to any kind of penalty or forfeiture."

The proposed section, continued Dr. Kotewall, took no cognisance of this well-known law of privilege extended to witnesses, very often the man who was asked for information in these matters was the man who was likely in the end to get into trouble. He was here compelled to answer any question even though the answer tended to incriminate him.

Again, as the section was worded, any person not in the liquor trade whom the Superintendent might believe to be in possession of information required by him would be liable to give such information on pain of a penalty.

An "Undesirable" Law.

The speaker went on to say that the Attorney-General, in introducing the Bill, pointed out that the proposed power was perhaps a little unusual but it had a precedent in the Tobacco Ordinance which had apparently worked satisfactorily for the last thirteen years. It seemed to the speaker that the fact that the power already existed in another Ordinance was insufficient reason for its multiplication. He hoped that when the Tobacco Ordinance came to be amended opportunity would be taken to repeal the relevant section.

"The existence of such a law on our Statute Book," he continued, "is, to say the least of it, very undesirable. The Hon. Attorney-General also said that in the proposed Bill two restrictions have been added which ought, in his opinion, to relieve anyone of the fear that the section might have an injurious effect. The first restriction is that the power is given only to the Superintendent and to such Revenue officers as the Superintendent may authorise in writing for the purpose.

"The second restriction is that the power shall not extend to the questioning of any person who has been charged under the Ordinance with any offence, or in whose case the Superintendent has decided to prosecute under the Ordinance. I submit, with all due deference, that these restrictions do not remove the objections. Whether the power is restricted to certain officials or not, the fact remains that it violates the fundamental principle of British law and British Justice.

"The second restriction is not sufficient protection to the public because even though the Superintendent may not have decided to prosecute at the time when he outs the questions, the answers to his questions may incriminate a person and may lead to his prosecution. I beg, therefore, to propose that the section be deleted."

The proposition, which was strongly opposed by the "officials," was lost by 9 votes to 5.

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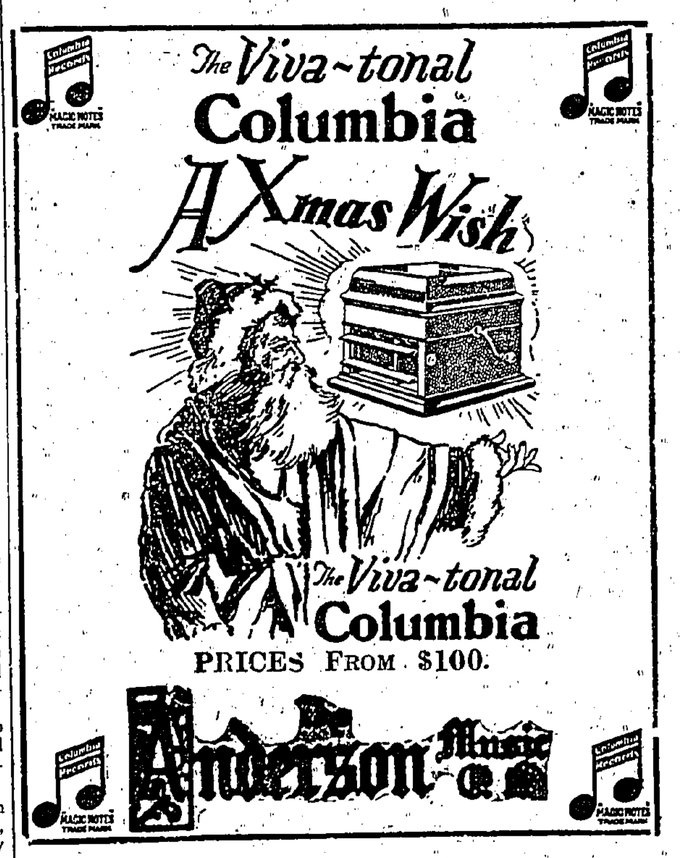
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WEATHER REPORT.

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Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fine.

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FORD'S "BOLSHEVISM."

WHEN one of the richest men in the world, and one of the largest direct employers of labour, says that workers as a class are not sufficiently well-paid, it is not surprising to learn that the expression of his views created wide astonishment. We are told first of all that HENRY FORD'S recent declaration that he intended to give his army of a hundred thousand workers a substantial rise of wages came as a great surprise. His further declaration—that the extra twenty million dollars gold he is paying out in wages must not be taken away from the recipients by merchants promptly putting up the prices of the things wage-earners need to buy—is described by one of the most widely-read American editorial writers as "rank Bolshevism." It may seem so to some, but sensational as Mr. FORD'S statements may be, it is just as well to avoid extravagance in commenting upon them. It should be noted, too, that men like OWEN D. YOUNG, Chairman of the General Electric Company and Deputy-Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, have expressed the same view in a different way. Mr. YOUNG has said quite recently that the policy of the bank with which he is connected is to contribute to stability in the purchasing power of money. This is only another manner of expressing the views of Mr. FORD—that an increase of wages should not be cancelled out by a corresponding increase of prices. To call this "Bolshevism" is obviously absurd, for in that case there are Bolsheviks in abundance on and around Wall Street—and not even in Moscow do they imagine that to be the case.

The fact is that since the great war there has been much more publicity given to, and public interest taken in, matters which were generally considered to be far beyond the capacity of ordinary mortals to understand. And it is not only the more intelligent among the horny-handed sons of toil who now take an interest in that science dubbed "dismal," the highest aim of which was supposed to be to prove it was in no respect scientific. Even bankers now-a-days are beginning to show some little concern about the theories of political economy and the practical operation. In England we see a Commission being appointed by the Government to make a thorough inquiry into the workings of the banking system. In France and in Germany there is constant discussion in the Press of various aspects of domestic and international finance, whereby even the most uninformed must come to realise that, however, "dismal" the subject may seem, or possibly be, it has a very direct bearing upon the everyday life of millions. A thorough understanding of the fundamental details may be so difficult as to be beyond the comprehension of many who see these continual references to discussions between eminent authorities on political economy. Even so, they are beginning to realise there is "something" which operates mysteriously and reacts very markedly upon their affairs, and they can only hope that persistent discussion of the subject will result eventually in a plain statement of the facts being made. Why, for instance, does the purchasing power of the pound, the franc, the mark, the dollar, constantly fluctuate? We read that the changing purchasing power of currency robs one class of the community to the extent of billions, only to give them to another class, which in turn is robbed as time brings changes in the value of the currency.

A statement of this sort to some may savour of Bolshevism, yet it is not a Moscow pamphlet from which we quote, but one published within a stone's throw of Wall Street by an organisation known as the Stable Money Association. Nor are the members of this body at all suspect of being under Bolshevik influence. They include leading New York bankers, business-men, lawyers, and University Professors. The President is Research Professor of International Finance at Princeton University—Dr. E. W. KEMMERER, who has served several nations as Financial Adviser, and is now actually engaged in trying to disentangle the muddle into which China's finances have drifted. Among men of international note associated with the movement are JOHN MOODY, BERNARD M. BARUCH, EDWARD A. FILENE, DAVID STARR JORDAN, CHARLES EVANS HUGHES, OTTO KAHN, NICHOLAS BUTLER, and others. These are names which, to those familiar with them, indicate that this Stable Money movement has the backing of men of very considerable knowledge and influence. It is obviously not an agitation started by a few "cranks" as unknown as they are unpractical. The men whose names we have mentioned are, most of them, keenly practical men—not philosophic dreamers and armchair idealists, but men of the world who are taking an active part in the affairs of the world. They see there is something wrong with the present monetary system, and are anxious to find out what and where the fault is. Their main contention is that the purchasing power of money should be stabilised—in other words, that workers should not be deprived of the advantages resulting from an increase of wages.

An interesting judgment has been given in the Californian Court whereby the changing value of the dollar is judicially recognised. Ten thousand dollars damages were awarded in a case arising out of the death of a child, and an appeal was made against this verdict on the ground that the amount was excessive. In support a case was cited which was heard in 1917 in the same Court, but the appeal was dismissed, the Judge pointing out that he did not feel justified in following the views expressed ten years ago regarding excessive verdicts. "The sum of $10,000, when measured by its present purchasing power, is far less than it formerly was," declared the Court—solemnly stating that which was quite obvious, painfully so to many, but why has the value of the dollar changed, and why is it still changing? HENRY FORD says nearly everything in the United States is altogether too high-priced, whereas the only thing that should command a high price is the man who works. Wages must not come down, says the motor millionaire, they must go up, but prices must not go up with them. The proposition seems impossible, since prices depend upon costs, and costs are very largely made up of wages—yet there is a suspicion that somewhere there is a leakage, or a flaw, and if this can be located, and remedied, Mr. FORD'S hopes would be realised. It is a most interesting problem—it involves so many important questions, including exchange, credit, and unemployment. Neither booms nor slumps are either healthy or desirable—they are both economic disorders; what is wanted is steady progress, stability, and to this stable money is an essential preliminary.

News and Views.

One case of diphtheria and one of small-pox, both Chinese, were reported on Wednesday.

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington) has recovered from his recent severe attack of influenza and has left with Mrs. Wellington for Macao, where he will spend 10 days in recuperating.

Mr. E. C. Thomas, of Diocesan Boys' School, will give a lantern lecture at St. Peter's Young Men's Club on Monday, the 9th instant, at 8.30 p.m. on "A journey through Yunnan to the Yangtsze." The lecture is open to all.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation notify that the rate of interest for sterling advances *made against* bills from Europe on the East has been reduced from 7½ per cent. to 7 per cent. Bills negotiated at 7½ per cent. if past due or renewed will continue to bear interest at that rate.

The St. Stephen's Girls' College sale of work, in the Kwok Siu Lau Hall of the College, was opened yesterday by Mrs. Creasy, who said they were all glad to look forward to the return very soon of their President, Mrs. W. T. Southorn, and would be happy to tell her how the College Committee had done in her absence. A very attractive array of goods was laid out and excellent trade was done.

At the monthly meeting of the Football Referees' Association held in the H.K.F.A. office at the French Bank Building yesterday, Cpl. Scott, R.E., addressed the members on certain knotty points connected with the game and an interesting discussion followed. There was a good turn out of referees at the meeting.

The lighting of the air route connecting Brussels and Ostend has been completed, and provides the last link in a chain of flashing beacons and aerial lighthouses stretching more than 1,100 miles from London to Koenigsberg, East Prussia. The route is *vid* Brussels, Hanover and Berlin. A night air-mail service on this route was opened between Brussels and London November 1, by the Air Union Sabena. Later the service will be extended to Germany.

Gretna Green.

Scottish church officials threaten to put a "padlock" on Gretna Green, the mecca of eloping English couples for almost two centuries. The United Church of Scotland is determined to rid the country of "irregular" marriages. The church and nation committee of the organisation will appeal to the Government to stop the "scandalous traffic in marriage carried on at Gretna Green." The move may result in strict regulation of marriages performed without a religious ceremony. Gretna Green is a small town just inside the Scottish border, easily reached by train, automobile or airplane. As Scotch marriage laws are not so strict as those in England regarding consent of parents or guardians and publication of banns, romantic couples frequently cross the border to be married. The marriages usually are performed by the village blacksmith.

Women Motorists Vindicated.

Women drivers in Britain have been vindicated by the National Safety First Association. Advance figures of an accident analysis prepared by the Association reveal that only three per cent. of the drivers of 942 motor vehicles involved in accidents during July and August were women. The figures are based on returns furnished by coroners. They show that out of 781 fatal accidents, 721—or 94 per cent.—involved motor vehicles. These accidents resulted in death to 815 persons, of whom 376 were pedestrians, more than half under fifteen years of age. Under one per cent. of all the accidents were classified by coroners as entirely unavoidable. The prime causes of accidents were attributed as follows: Motor-drivers 40.31 per cent.; other road users 47.17; vehicular defects 2.68; road defects 2.71; weather 16.7; fire .13; miscellaneous avoidable 3.44; unavoidable 0.89.

Looking Back 25 Years.

A demonstration of the practicability of liquid fuel was yesterday given on board the Goldmouth, in Hong Kong harbour. Invitations had been issued from Captain Starkey through Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co. . . . Anchor was weighed and the vessel proceeded on a trip with Mr. J. McIlroy, pilot, on the bridge. The run was to near Kellet Bank, east of Lamma Island, Cape D'Aguilar, south of Bokhara Rocks, and home by way of the Lyeemoon Pass. The fuel was smokeless; no stokers; the furnaces were easy to feed by means of taps (it is sprayed into the furnace by means of a steam-pipe); the fuel is easy to take on board; no dirt; pumps act as an equivalent of trimmers; six firemen instead of about nineteen, which number would be required in a coal steamer of the same size; 35 tons of liquid fuel per day is used by the Goldmouth as against 45 tons of coal. The Goldmouth, which is operated by the Shell Transport Co., has a cargo carrying capacity of 7,446 tons.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 6, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The London correspondent of the *Hampshire Telegraph*, in commenting on the fact that information of the collision between the armour-plated ships Alexandra and Achilles at Cyprus was not sent by Admiral Sir Geoffrey Hornby to the Admiralty until some days after it appeared in the home papers, and then only in reply to telegrams, adds:—"Sir Geoffrey Hornby is, however, not alone in the partiality in the suppression of news, for Commodore Smith at Hong Kong has lately been putting every obstacle in the way of information of ships' movements being sent to the *Hong Kong Daily Press*. As the Admiralty issue statements of the movements of Her Majesty's ships for the London papers, it is rather childish of Commodore Smith to try to keep similar information from the local Press, and he is certainly putting himself disliked by so doing."—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 6, 1879.

ALLEGED MURDER IN 1927.

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED.

COMMUNIST UPHEAVAL IN CANTON RECALLED.

At Central Magistracy yesterday, extradition proceedings were commenced against a Chinese who is wanted by the Canton authorities for the murder of a woman in Au Chun village on April 27, 1927.

Outlining the case against the refugee Mr. L. R. Andrewes said that the murdered woman was 38 years of age and at the time of her death she was living with her mother in the village. The mother, an old woman with bound feet, would not be available as a witness, although she would be a material witness if she could make the journey.

The principal witness, said Mr. Andrewes, was a gardener who, on the day of the murder, was working in his master's garden adjoining the house where the murder took place. He saw the fugitive climb over a dividing wall after emerging from the deceased's house. He carried a parcel with him at the time and on his right sleeve was a large spot of what appeared to be blood. From his girdle was protruding a wooden handle of what looked like a weapon.

The gardener would say that he did not hear any scream or cries, but the circumstances under which the fugitive left the house were suspicious and he consequently went to the adjoining house where he found the mother of the murdered screaming "Save Life."

In the backyard of the house, the gardener saw the dead body of the murdered woman who appeared to have been badly knocked about. The gardener then raised the alarm and the village guards turned out and raided the fugitive's house. Mr. Andrewes pointed out that the fugitive was known to the gardener.

The fugitive was not at his house when the raid was made and subsequently a reward of $400 was offered for his arrest. On May 5, a few days after the alleged murder, information was received by General Li Fuk Lum's forces that the defendant was in hiding on a particular junk off Shekki and by order of the General, the junk was searched and the defendant arrested.

"He then went through a form of trial by the Military tribunal at Honam under the General's orders," said Mr. Andrews. "As a result of that trial he was handed over to the Civil court and again tried. After the civil trial he was handed over to General Li Chai Sum and was sentenced to death in November 1927. During the days following the sentence, when prisoner was awaiting execution, the Communists seized the prison and released the prisoner."

The fugitive was arrested recently in Hong Kong while he was working as a coolie at the Grand Theatre, Wanchai.

The gardener referred to by Mr. Andrewes, then gave evidence supporting the opening statement. He added that after the murder, he had never seen the fugitive in his native village again.

The defendant claimed that he had been in Hong Kong for 19 years and that he could call village elders to substantiate that statement. In answer to his Worship witness said that it was also possible for him to call witnesses locally to corroborate his contention that he was in Hong Kong at the material time.

After evidence of arrest had been given, his Worship adjourned the case till Thursday next to enable witnesses to be called.

PIRACY IN BIAS BAY.

JUNK'S CREW HELD CAPTIVE.

The owner of a trading junk reports that on November 15, his boat left Kai Chi with a crew of four men and a cargo of 14 pigs for Hong Kong. At 4.30 p.m. the next day whilst in Bias Bay, off Tai Sin Mountain, his junk was overtaken by a Hakka junk which came alongside and made fast. Four men armed with mauser pistols and a revolver boarded the junk and demanded money. They searched the junk, took command and forced him and the crew into the fore hold and sailed the junk in an unknown direction.

On November 18, he heard the pirates removing the pigs. They all remained captive in the hold until 9 a.m. on November 21, when the hatch was opened by a fisherman and they were released. He found the junk beached about 8 miles from Sa Min Customs Station. The pirates stole a large quantity of clothes and money besides the pigs.

They sailed the junk to Sai Kung, in British Territory and arrived at Shaukiwan on November 22. He did not report the matter until December 2, when he met a Chinese, who, finding that he was a Roman Catholic, took him to a European Priest who gave him a letter addressed to the Police.

HONG KONG INVADED!

MILITARY MANŒUVRES ON THE ISLAND.

5,000 MEN TAKE PART.

REPULSE BAY, Midnight.

The silence of the night is broken by the throb of a high powered car, the headlights of which rapidly draw closer until, with a screech from the brakes, it pulls up dead. Three men dressed in uniform get out, orders are sharply given, and the car accelerates into the darkness. The men, walking hurriedly, also disappear towards a little light almost unnoticeable on the beach. And silence again reigns. But not for long. A single beam of light waves round the side of the hill and presently the boom of a single cylinder engine tells of the approach of a motor-cycle. A soldier—a despatch rider—appears out of the darkness and clatters by into the night, the little white pennant on the front of his bike being plainly illuminated by the headlight.

But, why all this secret haste?—Hong Kong is being invaded! Why, where, when?

Far out at sea are enemy aboard men-of-war who will at any moment make an attack and attempt to land troops to take the Island.

Our Defenders Alert.

But the local military authorities are informed of the approaching attack and scattered over the Island are units of the local Corps, Artillery, Mobile and Infantry, ready to be rushed to any point on the Island where the enemy may land.

And soon, dark forms of war ships will loom on the horizon and suddenly the beams from searchlights aboard cruisers and destroyers will play on the beach, where pontoons crowded with enemy are already close to the shore, covered by the ear-splitting crescendo of guns in the enemy ships.

Men leap out from the pontoons and wade knee deep towards the beach their rifles held clear of the water. Once on firm land, they kneel and fire at nests of machine guns, and running forms, as if appearing from out of the sea, rush to fill the gaps of those who have fallen.

And so, the battle rages until the enemy have been repulsed—or have gained the upper hand.

Suddenly, a sky rocket soars up from the hillside above. The guns cease and slowly one by one, the searchlights from the enemy ships disappear; and the attacking enemy join the defenders and exchange greetings.

The Manœuvres.

The above is an account of what, by the time this is read, will have taken place somewhere on the south side of the Island.

It is an imaginary attack by an unknown enemy on the Island. It is understood that some 5,000 men from the local units, including the Air Force and Hong Kong Volunteers were to take part.

Yesterday morning, a number of destroyers and Naval vessels, with the aircraft-carrier Hermes, left the Harbour for a "destination" somewhere at the back of the Island.

During the afternoon, a contingent of mountain artillery from the Indian regiment left Kowloon taking with them a number of guns. The Somerset Light Infantry at Shum Shui Po Camp, temporarily vacated their barracks for "camps" on the hillside on the Island, where a constant watch was kept throughout the night. Large numbers were taken to various "strategic" points on the Island, where, under cover they erected their machine-gun nests.

The Mobile Company of the Volunteer Corps were stationed at Happy Valley with armoured cars and motor-cycles ready, at a moment's notice, to be despatched to anywhere on the Island.

At "zero hour" (believed to be before 6 a.m. this morning) they will undertake to defend the Island against the invasion.

G. L.

PUKOW MUTINY SPREADS.

35,000 MEN IN REVOLT.

CHIANG KAI SHEK SENDS "SPECIAL ARMY."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5.

It is understood that the Pukow rebels are digging in at Wuyi. Shih Yu San, the chairman of the Anhui assembly, is now reliably reported to be heading the rebels with headquarters at Pengpu. The mutiny is reliably reported to have extended to the 64th Division in North Kiangsu and the 2nd Mixed Brigade in Shantung, bringing the total number of troops in revolt up to 35,000.

Chiang Kai Shek is rushing all available troops from Nanking to the Pukow front. Parts of the 3rd, 5th and 6th Divisions have crossed the Yangtsze and Chiang Kai Shek's foreign trained "special army" leaving for Pukow to-day.

The fact that they are being sent to the front is evidence that the situation is regarded as serious. It is considered significant in some quarters that Chao Tai Wen, Yen Hsi Shan's representative, left Nanking yesterday for Shanghai.

HANKOW, Dec. 5.

It is reported that the troops upriver who recently revolted in South Hunan and South-West Hupeh clashed with Nanking Government forces near Ichang, in the vicinity of which fighting is taking place.

H.M.S. Aphis and H.M.S. Ladybird were fired on but no casualties were reported.

H.M.S. Bee left here hurriedly for Ichang last night.

Rebels Advance on Ichang.

A Naval Wireless message states that Itu, in Hupeh, has been taken by anti-Government forces, who are said to be advancing on Ichang.

It is some thirty miles down the river from Ichang.

RIOTING IN SHANGHAI.

FIFTEEN MEN KILLED.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5.

A disturbance occurred at Nan Shih in Shanghai at about one o'clock on Wednesday morning when a group of men about fifty to sixty in number proceeded to the Electricity Plant where they cut tht main cable, and disarmed four policemen. Then they attempted to attack a near-by police station but were driven off.

Two detectives sent to the Electricity Plant to investigate were also disarmed. The rioters then proceeded to the railway station and set fire to one house. They also set fire to two buildings elsewhere and thirteen men were killed. At about 3 o'clock the police arrived and a fight followed lasting for an hour, when fifteen of the rioters were arrested. Martial law was declared throughout Shanghai the following day.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

INVITATION TO MR. JUSTICE FEETHAM EXPLAINED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 4.

In the House of Commons, arising out of the forthcoming mission of Mr. Justice Feetham, the Chief Justice of South Africa, to investigate municipal conditions in Shanghai, Mr. Somerville asked whether the British Government were co-operating in the investigation, which was an Imperial issue.

In reply, Mr. Gillett Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Consul General at Shanghai had reported that Mr. Justice Feetham had been asked whether, in the event of the Municipal Council inviting him to act as their adviser, for the purpose of examining the problem of municipal reform in the International Settlement, in the light of Chinese aspirations, he would accept. Mr. Gillett gathered from the Press that the invitation had been accepted.

The Shanghai Municipal Council, said Mr. Gillett, took this action without first consulting His Majesty's Government. They explained to the Consul General-General that they were anxious not to embarrass the British Government, and that for this reason the Government were not being asked to accept any responsibility in the matter.

Consequently, added Mr. Gillett, the British Government was not co-operating but it would watch the developments.

M. LITVINOFF IN A DEFIANT MOOD.

ACTION BY THE POWERS RESENTED.

STUBBORN ADHERENCE TO C.E.R. POLICY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, December 5.

M. Litvinoff in a speech made to the Soviet Central Executive Committee said, that Russia, was now well on the way towards a definite settlement of the Chinese Eastern Railway conflict. The demarche by the Three Powers which had led to no result would at the worst lead to delay in the negotiations with Mukden but he was inclined to think that "Mukden, and perhaps even Nanking, will understand that we will not allow any demarches to swerve us from the position which we have resolutely adopted from the very beginning of the conflict, and any delay will only be to the disadvantage of China itself."

Coos to Afghans and Japanese.

As regards Japan, considerable stabilisation might be observed in her relations with Russia and a mutual loyalty was being shown on both sides.

The Soviet was interested in seeing the speediest possible pacification in Afghanistan. It recognised the new Government as soon as it was formed and confirmed its unchanging friendship. Litvinoff concluded that the general international position of the Soviets had improved but its external safety could not be considered secure.

China's Friendly Gesture to Britain.

LONDON, December 4.

China's reply to the British Note on the Kellogg Pact which has been received from Nanking is brief, conciliatory and friendly.

The reply declares that China has always literally carried out Article Two of the Treaty which states that no signatory shall employ war as a settlement of an international dispute.

The reply also reiterates China's adhersion to the Pact.

THANKS EXPRESSED TO M. BRIAND.

PARIS, December 5.

This morning the Chinese Minister visited M. Briand, whom, presumably he thanked for French intervention in the Sino-Russian conflict.

Russia Displeased.

MOSCOW, December 4.

The *Isvestia* states that the signature of the Protocol at Nikolskussurisk completes the first stage of the settlement of the Russo-Chinese conflict as regards the Chinese Eastern Railway and expresses satisfaction at the refusal of Japan, Italy, and Germany to join in the "unfriendly" intervention sponsored by the United States and France whose interests conflict with the restoration of the joint Russo-Chinese management of the railway.

THE EXTRALITY PROBLEM.

DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 4.

It is learned from a Chinese source here that there has been no fresh development as regards China's intention to abolish extra-territoriality as from January 1, 1930.

The matter has been the subject of conversations with Mr. Alfred Sze, the Minister for China, since he arrived in London, and it is believed that the matter will come up at Nanking soon when the British Minister arrives there.

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ANTARCTIC.

U.S. AND BRITISH CLAIM.

Washington, November 28.—The State Department has disclosed the fact that the "Hoover-MacDonald atmosphere of good feeling," generated by the recent visit of the British Premier, probably averted a budding Anglo-American argument over sovereignty in the Antarctic regions.

As revealed by the United Press on April 5, Great Britain at that time sent a note to the United States, inferentially stating Britain's claim to certain polar areas.

Argument against these claims was prepared by Mr. J. Reuben Clark, then an under-secretary. No action was taken, however.

On November 15, Mr. Joseph Cotton, Under-Secretary of State, replied to the note to apologize for the delay and to acknowledge the existence of a British claim.

The Cotton note, however, made clear that the United States neither agreed to the British claim nor attempted to refute it.

BRITAIN'S POLICY TOWARDS RUSSIA.

STATEMENT DURING LORDS' DEBATE.

PEERS EXPRESS THEIR DISAPPROVAL.

[REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 4.

The House of Lords to-day carried by 43 votes to 21 a motion proposed by Lord Birkenhead "that the diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Government is at present undesirable."

The Debate was initiated by Lord Birkenhead who called attention to the recent Soviet revolutionary propaganda and invited a statement of the policy of the Government.

Reply for Government.

Lord Thomson, replying for the Government, said a pledge would be reciprocally affirmed between the Anglo-Soviet Governments on the resumption of diplomatic relations and would provide that "the contracting parties solemnly affirm their desire and intention to live in peace and amity with each other, to scrupulously respect the undoubted right of a State to order its own life within its own jurisdiction and in its own way; to refrain from and restrain all persons and organisations under their direct and indirect control, including organisations in receipt of any financial assistance from them, from any act overt or other liable any way whatever to endanger any part of the British Empire or the Union of Socialist and Soviet Republics."

Lord Thomson said the policy of the Government was to resume normal diplomatic relations with Russia with the least possible delay and at the same time to safeguard British interests, not only in this country, but throughout the world.

World Peace the Aim.

The Government wanted to contribute to the maintenance of world peace and to expand British trade. It was the Government's view that relations with the Soviet Government should never have been broken off. A policy of refusing relations because they would not accept the promises of the Soviet Government was a policy of despair. It would mean that the present state of affairs would continue indefinitely.

Ambassadors had not yet been exchanged and the pledge regarding propaganda had not yet been given. The Government had not renounced, and would not renounce, their right to take any measure they might think necessary to check foreign subversive propaganda from whatever source it might emanate.

Lord Brentford ("Jix" of former days) asked whether, in face of that declaration, if propaganda continued either in Britain or in the Empire instigated by the Russian Government, their envoy would be dismissed again.

No Illusions.

Lord Thomson replied. "If it is instigated by the Russian Government most certainly."

Lord Birkenhead:—Including the Third Internationale?

Lord Thomson.—Yes.

He added that the British Government was not blind to the fact that its interpretation that the pledge included the Third Internationale had been questioned in the Soviet Press, but the British Government had not renounced the right to take any measures it deemed necessary to check foreign subversive propaganda from wherever it might emanate.

Lord Thomson said he did not want to leave the impression that propaganda would cease as if by magic. It could not, in the nature of things, with a body like the Third Internationale.

Regarding the argument that relations should not be resumed with a country where atrocities and executions had taken place he said the Government did not condone the atrocities and regretted the executions but they believed that a resumption of relations with Russia would tend to diminish the system of executions and atrocities which still prevailed there.

"We believe that it is in the best interests of our country to resume relations. We believe it to be absolutely indispensable for the general peace of the world and that is the reason why the Government are undertaking this present policy."

(Continued on next Column.)

MR. AND MRS. FAIRBANKS IN HONG KONG.

Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford arrived in the Colony yesterday, and very kindly gave an interview to our representative, in which they made many interesting statements about the progress of the "talkies" and other film matters. The interview appears on page 4.

UNITED STATES BUDGET.

TREMENDOUS PROSPERITY REFFECTED.

BIG PROVISIONS FOR ARMY AND NAVY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.

President Hoover, has asked Congress for $3,830,000,000 for Government use during the next fiscal year, which is 145 million dollars less than the present year. The estimated Treasury outlay for the twelve months beginning next July is 4,103 million dollars and it is predicted that there will be a surplus at the end of that period.

The difference between the appropriations asked for and the estimated expenditure is explained by the fact that the President has not included any amount for the Federal Farm Boards Revolving Fund, because it has not been determined how much will be necessary. An estimate of the outlay placed the amount at two hundred million dollars, while a further difference of seventy-two million dollars is due to the carry-over of appropriations from the present year, which will be available next year.

That Big Navy.

President Hoover has asked for 380 million dollars for the Navy, or sixteen more than last year, providing *inter alia* for alterations to battleships and the construction of two new dirigibles. He states that provision is made is continue work on the two cruisers already laid down. Three cruisers and an aircraft carrier will be laid down in the late fiscal year 1930.

The remaining ten cruisers of the fifteen authorised by the act of February 13, 1929 will be commenced in the late fiscal year 1931.

The War Department's estimate of 466 million dollars is only three more than last year.

President Hoover states that tax receipts increased by 408 million dollars and expenditure by 243 million dollars. He compared the estimates for 1930 and said that the increase in receipts reflected an extra 305 millions from income tax, due to the abnormal increase of the incomes of individuals in 1928, the most prosperous business year to date.

Income Tax Reduction.

In view of the estimated surplus of 223 million dollars this year and 122 million dollars next year, Mr. Hoover recommends that income tax receipts for 1929 shall be reduced by 160 million dollars by reducing the rate of the tax by one per cent. He concludes that the United States finances are in a sound condition. The public debt was 16,031 millions in June 1929 compared with 26,596 in August 1919.

AMERICA'S NAVAL DELEGATES.

FORTY SAILING ON S.S. BREMEN.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, December 5.

The American delegation to the Naval Conference in London, will sail on December 10 or the s.s. Bremen. The delegation of forty men is the largest sent to Europe since the Peace Conference at Versailles.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

WILL DELAY MEAN EXTRA EXPENDITURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 4.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ormsby-Gore asked whether any new expenditure was involved in delaying the work on the Singapore Base and also whether the contractors claimed the break clause in their contracts.

Mr. A. V. Alexander replied that he was unable to answer the question.

Liberal Support.

Lord Reading (Liberal), approved the Government's policy as sound, wise and in the interests of real security and universal peace. He said he would have preferred to see an agreement definitely setting down the terms of relations that were to exist before the exchange of Ambassadors, but he hoped that when the conditions were laid down so they would be as definite and precise as possible.

Archbishop Approves.

The Archbishop of Canterbury drew attention to the attitude of the Soviet Government towards Christianity and all forms of religion, and said he had received information that there was now a cessation of the more flagrant violations of the elementary principles of justice. He believed there would be a greater chance of securing some alleviation of the difficult position of religious people in Russia if representations could be made through the ordinary diplomatic means to the Soviet Government.

ARTIFICIAL RUBBER AT LAST!

AN EDISON INVENTION.

MADE FROM COMMON AMERICAN WEEDS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 5.

Mr. Edison claims to have produced artificial rubber, which it will be possible to manufacture at a cost of sixteen cents per pound. It is made from "Gold Rod" one of the commonest weeds in the United States.

STORMY GERMAN POLITICIANS.

COMMUNIST UPROAR IN REICHSTAG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BELIN, Dec. 4.

Shouts of "Bloodhound! Murderer!" resounded through the Reichstag during the first reading of a Bill for the protection of the Republic.

The Communists did their utmost to prevent the Minister of the Interior from speaking. They blew whistles and yelled whenever the Minister rose.

Eventually, six Communists were expelled for a week, whilst one who refused to leave was removed by the police.

The new Bill is almost similar to one which expired in July, but it contains a clause forbidding the ex-Kaiser from returning to Germany.

The disintegration of the Nationalist Party is overshadowing all else. Twelve prominent Deputies have already seceded, and it is generally whispered that the Party has now lost its brains.

ITALY'S KING AND QUEEN AT VATICAN.

AN HISTORIC VISIT.

Vatican City, Dec. 5.

Their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy drove in state this morning to visit His Holiness the Pope and for the first time sovereigns of United Italy entered the Vatician thus ending a quarrel which has lasted sixty-nine years.

Nationalist Party.

Another cable states that the disintegration of the German Nation Party is assuming unexpected proportions.

The *Lokalanzeiger* estimates that the Party, which now has 78 seats in the Reichstag, will lose at least twenty members objecting to the party leader, Herr Bugenberg.

Count Westarp has resigned the leadership of the party in the Reichstag.

THE EMPIRE'S SUPREME COURT.

NO ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 4.

In the House of Commons, the Prime Minister, replying to a question, said no communications on the subject of an alternative to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council for settlement of legal disputes between members of the British commonwealth of nations had been received from any of His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions.

The whole subject could be most appropriately discussed at the next Imperial Conference. — *British Wireless.*

CITY OF NORWICH WRECK.

ELEVEN OF CREW DROWNED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WELLINGTON (New Zealand), December 5.

Twenty-four survivors including the three mentioned in the wire from Pago Pago yesterday have been rescued from the s.s. City of Norwich including the Master. Eleven were drowned, namely, the third and fourth engineers, the carpenter, a steward, a seaman and six Arab firemen.

THE BURDEN OF ARMAMENTS.

STEADY INCREASE.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S GRAVE WARNING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 5.

A vigorous speech on the need for accelerating international disarmament was made in the House of Commons last night by Mr. Lloyd George, when an omnibus motion, favouring disarmament and the co-ordination of the British fighting services in a single Ministry of Defence was under discussion.

The Liberal ex-Premier took as his text President Hoover's recent speech which pointed out that to-day there were also powerful armies, including Reservists who were the real men who mattered.

Thirty Million Armed Men.

Mr. Lloyd George contended that the World had ten million more men trained to arms than in 1914, and seventy-five times as many armaments as they could use. He criticised severely the slow progress made by the Disarmament Commission of the League of Nations and the delay among the allied powers in carrying out the disarmament pledges made in the Versailles Treaty.

Without disarmament war, in his judgment, was inevitable. He added, "You are not going to get peace with thirty million armed men in the World and gigantic armaments. The chariot of peace cannot advance along a road cluttered with cannon. You must break up the machinery of hatred and convert it into the mechanism of peace and progress."

Britain's Effort for Peace.

Intervening later, during a speech by Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Lloyd George admitted that Britain had done more than any other country for disarmament and had abolished conscription, reduced the army below pre-war level, and had been the first to reduce her Navy after the Washington Conference.

Sir Samuel Hoare, who was Air Minister in the last Government, compared the relative positions of the air armaments of the leading powers. He stated that expenditure on air services had risen since 1925, in Italy, by twenty-eight per cent., in France by ninety-two per cent. and in United States by 126 per cent. exclusive of the cost of civil aviation. In Great Britain it had been lowered by ten per cent. He thought it might be possible to agree on parity in air strength between Great Britain, France and Italy but the main thing in all disarmament negotiations was to split the problem up and secure reductions in more immediately practicable directions.

Government Reply.

Replying for the Government, Mr. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, agreed that grave risk continued so long as nations refrained from making mutual progress towards disarmament.

As long as such reserve of possible and immediate inflammable material existed so long would there be constant danger of an outbreak of a conflagration.

Mr. Alexander said that the present Government in the short period it had existed had devoted a large portion of its time to the matter of disarmament, and would continue to do absolutely everything in its power to that end.

ENGLAND'S GREAT GALE.

80 MILES AN HOUR.

FLOODS AND TORRENTIAL RAIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 5.

A violent southwesterly gale, reaching in some places a velocity of 80 miles an hour, swept over Britain and the adjacent seas last night and continued this morning.

In the Channel and North Sea extremely heavy seas are running and much of the shipping made for shelter where available.

Fishing trawlers reached Hull in battered condition the crews describing the gale as being bad as any they had ever experienced.

No casualties have so far been reported, but on land much minor damage such as the uprooting of trees and the blowing down of walls has occurred, and, near Bristol, railway traffic was impeded by a steel crane having been blown down on to line. The gale was accompanied by torrents of rain which helped to increase the already large flooded areas, particularly in Thames Valley.

THE RHINE ARMY.

"PACKING ITS TRAPS."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 5.

The last units of British army on Rhine will be home next week.

The evacuation will practically be completed by next Thursday when Lieutenant-General Sir William Thwaites leaves with his staff after paying necessary compliments. A small final party of details leaves December 13.

Telegrams in Brief.

M. Jaspar, the President of the Hague Conference, has informed the Dutch Government that it is proposed to convene a second conference at the Hague on January 3.—*Reuter.*

The Secretary for the United States Navy has recommended to Congress the establishment of a Naval dirigible base on the Pacific Coast, to be made at Camp Kearney, near San Digo.—*Reuter.*

The report of the British Committee on the load-lines of merchant ships has been received by the Board of Trade, and, in accordance with its recommendations, it is proposed to summon as soon as possible an International Conference with the object of getting international agreement on the subject."—*British Wireless.*

The Conference on the operation of Dominion legislation and merchant shipping legislation concluded on Wednesday. A unanimous report has been made, and, in accordance with the terms of reference, has been submitted to the respective Governments. The publication of this report must be deferred until every Government has had an opportunity of considering it.—*British Wireless.*

The death has occurred in Washington of Mr. James Noonan, Tokyo that Mr. Torikichi Obata President of the Federation of Labour.

It is authoritatively stated in Tokyo that Mr. Torikichi Obata has been offered the annointment of Minister to China. His acceptance of the position is considered probable.—*Reuter.*



Sports News

CRICKET NOTES.

THE FIRST LEAGUE.

A QUESTION OF CLOSURE TIMES?

The only match that was played on Saturday last was that between the K.C.C. and the Navy. It was of great interest, both from the point of view of assessing the strength of the teams, and for the curious point which arose at the end of the game.

The latter point is of most general interest and I will deal with it first. The facts, ascertained at first hand, are as follows. Apparently Brace and Shaw, the Navy skipper, were a bit uncertain about the time of closure and both thought 5.45 p.m. was the time. The situation was complicated by the fact that the clock inside the Pavilion was seven minutes fast! Well after 5.45 p.m. true time, the Navy skipper thought time was up. The umpire provided by the Navy side suggested that it was time, but Robinson, the K.C.C. umpire, very properly pointed out that 6 p.m. was the official time. After about two more overs an appeal against the light was successful and the match ended in a draw.

Robinson Was Right.

There is no doubt that Robinson acted correctly. I confess I thought that, since the 1923 revised rules were published, the times had been revised, but it is not so. There have been several alterations since 1923, as there are now two leagues. But reference to Mr. W. C. Hung, the Hon. Secretary of the League, has assured me that there has been no alteration to Rule 15, which fixes 6 p.m. for November and January, and 5.45 p.m. for December.

Kowloon Sportsmanship.

Of course, the difficulty is met by the right to appeal against the light. But last wicket batsmen, fighting a rear-guard action, naturally fear to appear unsporting by such an appeal, especially when the match cannot be won, and will be lost if but one more wicket falls. It is not a correct fear, but a very natural and sporting one. In the case under review, the light was absurd, and Brace and his men bowled dead slow until the game was stopped. They failed to win the match but it was a glorious failure as it was a splendid example of the true sporting spirit which is synonymous with the word "cricket." All honour to them.

The Real Trouble.

The real trouble is that Rule 15 is sheer adjectival nonsense, and if we now have a live league (as I think we have) it will be amended. In the Interport it was settled that 5 p.m. should be the time for drawing stumps. This was in the first half of November, and even so it seemed at times too late. I will grant that the League can play later, but maintain that 5.45 p.m. in November and January is the absolute limit, and 5.30 p.m. in December.

Appeals Against Light.

The answer will be that the batsmen are safeguarded against bad light by their right of appeal. Theoretically, yes! But practically, no one will dare being called a bad sport—and more power to them for it! There *was* a time, "When Devadatta was King in Benares," when I skippered a side which won the Shield. I always agreed with our opponents' captain in the short months that *both* sides should be entitled to appeal against the light with no *arrière pensée*! (For the fielding side are also at a disadvantage, if it was a case of a side having to knock off a few runs with plenty of wickets in hand.)

The Remedy.

The rule should be amended by setting back the hour by fifteen minutes. And there should be some official pronouncement encournging batsmen to claim their rights, without the fear of being called unsporting. There is by the way the provision that "if both umpires be agreed that the light is unfit for play, stumps shall be then drawn." I do not think, however, that this can be interpreted to mean that they can so decide except upon an appeal by the batsmen *or* the fielding side.

The Game.

Turning from the theoretical point, it was a most interesting game. The Navy had no bowling save Dalison and Laslett; the latter may make a good fast medium bowler if properly coached. E. C. Fincher, Lawrence (until he was cut over the eye by a ball that shot up off his bat) E. F. Fincher and F. Zimmern played excellent knocks against weak bowling. The latter is always at his best when playing a free game—he cannot poke, as he tries to do in Interport Trials! A. T. Lee went in with instructions to hit, and he did not do it. He wasted valuable time and I think lost the match for Kowloon. He has got to learn that there are many times in League Cricket when you got to get fours off every other ball or get out. He did neither.

The Navy Vary.

Brace had to lose ten minutes before his declaration and it cost him the match. The Navy deserved to lose. Bomphray is clearly a fine bat who comes down right on top of the ball and uses his wrists. Unfortunately he lost patience and was easily caught at cover off Ross. Just after, Stevenson, a very good bat, ran a yard over to the off to get a very wide ball off the same bowler and paid the penalty. It was a very fine catch, by E. C. Fincher who got four in all. But the weakness of the Kowloon bowling became apparent. At about five o'clock the Navy had 6 wicke down for forty, when Glass and Sim made a gallant stand. The latter seemed short of practice, but played (if I may say so) a sterling innings. Glass was excellent. Brace alone of the bowlers looked dangerous but he was going over the stumps and, as far as I could see in the gathering darkness, had a lot of bad luck. Laslett with coaching should make a useful batsman and he resisted the temptation to get himself out to Ross better than many of the Navy side!

Friendlies.

The I.R.C., as I anticipated, had no difficulty in beating Craigengower who appear to be very weak this season. The game on the Club ground was a scratch one as the Army could not raise a side owing to camp. A match which seemed to get overlooked was that between the C.S.C.C. and the Somersets.

The Civilians were not at full strength, but they had de Rome, Richardson and Evans playing and should have passed the Somerset's score of 102. However, they only got 87. St. Andrew's Day evidently spoilt their luck as at least two batsmen were caught off full tosses, while Richardson played the ball to which he was l.b.w. I hear that there are several promising cricketers in the regiment and expect we shall see more of them if and when they come over to Murray Barracks. My informant was particularly impressed with one man, a C.S.M., I think, but I regret I don't know his name.

To-morrow's Games.

The Indians should beat the University at Sookunpoo I think, as the latter are still tied up with Exams—(witness a horrible pile of papers under my nose waiting correction!) But a draw is always on the cards.

The Army is still in Camp, and their match with the Navy is cancelled. On paper the Army should win the League if they can get their side out regularly. One hopes so. When I first came to the Colony there was an Army Rugger side always in the Cup-ties and a pretty good fifteen they were too. There seems no hope of this starting again now, but a cricket side will be very welcome.

The C.R.C. entertain Kowloon, and the odds are largely on the visitors. I do not think the Chinese can win, as the Kowloon batting is so strong but they may well draw the game if they can keep down the rate of scoring.

Civil Service should beat Craigengower but will not be at full strength.

Congratulations.

I cannot close these notes without tendering my heartiest congratulations to Mr. Harry Owen Hughes on his forthcoming marriage, which will take place to-morrow. I know all cricketers will join me in wishing his bride and himself a long life and every happiness. Cricket will be the richer, as I feel sure that not only shall we still have Mr. Owen Hughes playing as before, but also the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Owen Hughes in the Ladies tent. All good fortune to them both!

R. ABBIT.

BOXING.

FINAL WORK OUT AT THE V.R.C.

The final "work out" of the Navy boxers took place at the V.R.C. yesterday afternoon before a large number of spectators. Leading Stoker Mann, who is being matched against A. B. Rowles in the Heavyweight Championship fight on Saturday, went through his final exercises before the contest. A. B. Creighton, also of H.M.S. Cornwall, was seen in action. He is to meet Morris for the welterweight championship. Both men gave admirable displays at skipping, bag and ball punching and shadow boxing. They are in fine form and should give their opponents a good fight.

Creighton, incidentally, is not to be confused with the man of the same name and ship who is reported to be missing.

Some of his boxing honours to his credit are, the Welterweight Championship of West England; Finalist for the Championship of the Navy, and present finalist for Championship of the China Fleet. Creighton fought seven times whilst in Shanghai, winning each bout. He has also fought the famous Joe Hall to a draw.

(*Continued at foot of next column*).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB DEFEAT H.M.S. CORNWALL.

As a reply to the Cornwall's victory over the Club First "XV" last week, the Club "A" managed to beat a second team from the same ship yesterday evening at Happy Valley by a margin of five points, one goal and one try against one try from their opponents.

As with the first team the Club second gave their best exhibition of the season. Winning the toss they elected to defend the Pavilion end. The Cornwall's kick-off was gathered, and the ball carried to the Navy's 25. Several scrums took place in that vicinity, and the ball was then taken back to the halfway line. From a loose Holmes managed to break away, and, avoiding at least four of the Cornwall players, he eventually passed to Skinner before encountering the full-back, and the latter was able to run through for a very easy try. This was scored just to the left of the posts, and Holmes had no difficult in converting. The game had then been in progress for four minutes only.

Neither pack were assuming the orthodox formation, and considerable difficulty was occasioned in getting the ball in properly. Of the two, the Cornwall pack appeared the stronger, this advantage, no doubt, being caused by the Club not packing low enough. Despite this, however, the Club gained possession as often as their opponents.

For the majority of the first half the game remained in the Navy's ground, and eleven minutes after their first success Coppin ran through for another try for the Club, which was scored away on the right close to the corner flag, thus giving his side a lead of eight points. Holmes was unsuccessful with his second attempt at goal-kick.

A few minutes later the home team's diminutive scrum-half indulged in a great solo effort and made a clear thirty yards before being smothered almost on the Navy's line. Indeed, he was extremely unfortunate in not emerging with a try to his credit. Half time followed shortly afterwards with the Club still pressing.

THE SECOND HALF.

As appears to be the case in most of the matches this season, the play proved infinitely better in the second half. From the kick-off the game was carried from one 25 to the other, and both teams had several opportunities of scoring. The scoring abilities of the Club, however, had apparently been exhausted, the only points in this half being added by the Cornwall. These were in the form of a try scored by Griffiths after the ball had been hustled across the Club line from a scrummage some ten yards away. The same player failed with a very difficult kick at goal, the try having been scored in the left corner of the field.

Several minutes before the end of the game Holmes made a great attempt at goal, the Club being awarded a penalty against handling in the scrum. This offence, it may be added, was far too frequent, both sides being conspicious offenders.

No-side found the game central, the match being curtailed on account of failing light.

TO-MORROW'S GAME.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Club once more meet the H.M.S. "Brewick" on the home ground and hope for their customary spectatorial support.

"STYX."

HONG KONG LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB.

There will be an inter-club match—Colours *v.* Whites—on the Marina ground at Kowloon to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m.:—

The teams are as follows:—

Colours: G. E. Little, F. Cousins, P. Carter, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, M. Bird, S. Browning, Mora Russell, F. Webber, A. T. Cressey, A. E. Steele.

Whites: A. N. Other, E. Gray, M. Russell, M. King, M. Wallace, E. J. Coppin, I. C. Bell, J. Whyte, N. McNeillie, C. Ferguson, B. Laing.

Mann's Honours.

Leading Stoker Mann has won the middle and welterweight championship of the Navy and the heavyweight championship of the China Fleet. In his last fight at home he fought Julian Sesona, the Swedish heavyweight champion to a draw in 15 rounds.

HONG KONG'S RADIO EXHIBITION.

MR. W. T. SOUTHORN'S OPENING SPEECH.

SOME INTERESTING EXHIBITS.

St. Andrew's Hall was full of interested visitors when the first radio exhibition in the Colony was officially opened by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., yesterday.

The various firms taking part in the exhibition vied with each other in displaying the latest development in radio science, and in fact the outstanding feature of the exhibition was that the best and most modern products of different factories lay side by side so that those visiting the exhibition could make comparisons for themselves. The finished instrument down to the small details were on view in attractive little sections all clearly displayed.

The Hon. Mr. Southorn, whose speech at the opening ceremony was broadcast from City Hall, said that what was to-day the hobby or the luxury of the few will to-morrow be a necessary adjunct of the daily life of us all. He promised listeners that while Hong Kong cannot provide a Queen's Hall Orchestra, it could and did give good music, the quality and variety of which would improve as the public support increased.

Among those present at the opening were Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. A. R. Sutherland Mr. H. H. Priestley and Mr. N. L. Smith. Radio enthusiasts, both men and women were present in large numbers and showed a very great interest in the exhibits.

HON. MR. SOUTHORN.

The full text of the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn's speech, is as follows:

It gave me great pleasure to be able to accept the invitation to be here to-day and to perform the opening ceremony of the first Radio Exhibition in Hong Kong, and thereby to show my personal interest in this newest of scientific marvels.

You may perhaps wonder why the Colonial Secretary should be asked to open what is in appearance a purely commercial undertaking, but I venture to think that the promoters realized that the Government has not only that general interest in the success of radio work in Hong Kong which it takes in all commercial undertakings but a very special interest in the increased revenue it will obtain from an increase in the use of receiving sets.

Government Support.

I trust that the various Radio dealers who have had the enterprise to support this exhibition will reap their just reward in a greatly increased interest in broadcasting and a corresponding boom in the sale of receiving sets. Such a well deserved result would do much to strengthen the hands of the Government in its declared policy of providing, by means of wireless broadcasting, entertainment and instruction which shall be worthy of the Colony.

As I said just two months ago when I had the honour of inaugurating the new broadcasting studio it will be a long time before broadcasting can hope to be a commercial success in a community of the size and charater of Hong Kong; but it is obvious that the Government will be justified in providing from the public funds this important addition to the amenities of life exactly in proportion to the support received from the householders of the Colony. By this I do not wish to imply that Government expenditure on broadcasting must be limited to the amount received from license fees but that the taxpayer can more fairly be called upon to contribute to the entertainment of shall we say 10 per cent. of the population rather than 1 per cent. Now broadcasting is still in its infancy in Hong Kong but our infant seems to be growing with ever increasing virility. I read yesterday that in twelve months the number of licensed receiving sets had grown from about 100 to nearly 700, and that the number is still growing.

Broadcasting Committee's Fine Work.

For this encouraging position I feel that all credit must be given to the Broadcasting Committee under the able Chairmanship of Mr. N. L. Smith the Post Master General. I am sure that all listeners-in are under a great obligation to the Committee and will wish me to congratulate it on the success of its arduous labours. Much no doubt remains to be done.

The language difficulty in a bilingual Colony like Hong Kong is a very real one, but I know that the Committee is working hard to prepare programmes which will interest the Chinese speaking as well as the English speaking community. Until we can interest both communities we cannot hope for progress on the lines achieved in Europe and America.

I was greatly interested to read in the Rugby news, itself received by wireless, a few days ago that the number of broadcast licenses issued in Great Britain had reached 2,869,000 and that it was hoped that the 3,000,000 mark would be reached very shortly. It will be a very long time before we can hope to reach the same proportion in Hong Kong, for it is a far cry from 700 to say 50,000 or 60,000 licenses, but the rapidity of the expansion at home may well give us inspiration for our future success here. The peculiar position of Hong Kong makes it inevitably a slow starter in some of these modern developments and we need look no further than motoring for an example.

Future of Radio.

I am told that only a few years ago a motor car was looked on in Hong Kong as a sign of useless extravagance, and what is the position to-day? So, I predict it will be with broadcasting. What is to-day the hobby or the luxury of the few will to-morrow be a necessary adjunct of the daily life of us all. I need not detain you with any remarks on the educational and practical value of broadcasting. You are probably better acquainted with them than I am but I cannot refrain from referring to its immense value as a means of saving life at sea, and would add that there has never been anything else to equal broadcasting in stimulating the appreciation of good music in every walk of life. We cannot in Hong Kong provide a Queens Hall Orchestra for our listeners in but we can and do give them good music and the quality and variety of the programmes will improve as the support of the public increases.

Radio Exhibitions are an established institution in London and elsewhere. Their object is primarily to increase the interest of the public in this new ovement and to show those who know little about it how easy it all is. They appeal also to those who are more expert and who wish to know more of this fascinating and inexpensive hobby; and in this connection I am glad to see that the organizers of the present Exhibition are offering prizes to amateur set makers.

This is Hong Kong's first Radio Exhibition and I am sure that you will agree that it reflects great credit on Mr. Lowcock, who originated the idea, and on his energetic assistants. I hope it will be the precursor of many other similar Exhibitions and I have much pleasure in declaring it open. (Applause.)

IN THE DEMONSTRATION HALL.

The first stand to attract attention just inside St. Andrew's Hall, was that put up by Moutries. Much of the credit for the clever scheme of decoration must go to Lane Crawford's and the "Silent Salesman." Electrolas & Victor Radiolas are there on show, and look as impressive as they are excellent. One of the Electrola models displayed combines both functions, and can be used as a receiving set or to play records.

Siemens-Telefunken Co. have a well stocked stall which was attracting a great deal of attention. Sinceres have taken one of the spaces in the body of the hall and built up a pretty little pavilion to display their goods including 220 amplifiers for big volume, Silver Radio A.C. receiving sets, and Pilot super wasp short and long combined receivers.

The Sun Co. has a well decorated stand with a setting sun at the back and a clever arrangement of paper trays. Wing On show their goods in a pretty flower decked pavilion. At the end of the hall is the Columbia stand very well arranged and containing some of the latest model gramaphones. Rudolph Wolff and Kew show a number of small gadgets besides receiving sets, and Crossley Motors have a good display.

A Sea Device.

The Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Ltd., have one of the most interesting stands. Their exhibits are of a serious nature—not for mere pleasure—and they have thought it most fitting not to make any extraneous decorations. Among the exhibits is the latest ship's radio set and a most interesting Auto Alarm Device. This machine automatically picks up distress signals from any ships which may be sending them out and rings an alarm bell on receiving an S.O.S. Should there be only one wireless officer on a ship which has one of these Auto Alarm Devices installed, and should he be asleep, he will be wakened by the bell and be able to get into touch with the vessel which is calling for help. Another interesting instrument is the Direction Finder. By means of this radio messages received from coast stations can be checked on a special scale which will give the direction from which they are being sent. A second gadget connected with the ships own and confirms the direction, and if a fresh set of messages is picked up from another land station the position of the ship can be exactly marked on the chart by cross readings.

Osram have a well set up stand shewing short wave sets, A.C. sets loud speakers and the Osram music magnet. H.K. Radio supply have a display of valves, small gadgets, and receiving sets, while the Canton Trading Association is making a special display of Loewe Radio.

Refreshments are being served by the Savoy Hotel, in St. Georges Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SLAZENGER TENNIS BALL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With reference to the Tennis Notes under "Sports News" in your paper to-day, since we understand that Dunlop Tennis Balls were used throughout the Interport matches, in fairness to Messrs. Slazengers Ltd., for whom we are Agents, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that your article might give the public the impression that the Dunlop Tennis Ball is recognised as the official ball in Hong Kong. This however is not the case.

We know that the Shanghai players definitely expressed a wish for Slazenger Balls. In May this year, as in previous years, the Slazenger Ball was adopted by the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association as the official ball for the Season, consequently the players naturally wished to have the ball they were used to playing with. We, as well as "Deuce" and "Vantage-Hong Kong" who wrote in your contemporaries regarding this question, would like to know why Slazenger's balls were barred. Slazengers have been and still are being used by almost all the Clubs in this Colony for their tournaments.

A telegram recently to hand informs us that the Slazenger Lawn Tennis Ball has again been selected for the World's Championship at Wimbledon for 1930—the 25th year in succession and, this is conclusive proof of the position which it holds.

This letter will be regarded as "Slazenger propoganda," and such it is, but we shall thank you to publish it nevertheless, because reference is made in your paper to other leading makes of tennis ball but all reference to the Slazenger Ball is avoided.—Yours faithfully,

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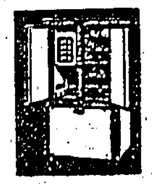
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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HIGH RENTS PROBLEM.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The report published of the Committee meeting of the Property Owners' Association in this morning's issue is of great interest.

There is no doubt that much labour has been spent in some quarters to cultivate an impression that rents are playing an important part in determining the prosperity of trade in the Colony. The attack on the Hong Kong dollar has apparently ceased and it is the Hong Kong landlord who has come in for his share of abuse.

With the object of requesting the Government to introduce legislation for the purpoes of curtailing rents, a number of Chinese business men have been holding weekly meetings and passing resolutions. The opinion hasebeen expressed that as merchants are suffering from trade depression, house owners should do something to manifest their sympathy, preferably by reducing rents, helping thus to lessen the merchants' unbearable burden. If owners should refuse to come forward of their own accord and no self-respecting owner could possibly refuse, then they might be persuaded to see the error of their ways by a combined effort on the part of indignant merchants to seek new premises. If this method even fails or if it proves too unprofitable for tenants to pursue owing to the many valuable fittings they have to leave behind, then it is for the Government to introduce a new ordinance to provide for the creation of what has been termed a "Fair Rents Board." Whether all or any of these measures are practicable only time can tell.

"Merchants are, however, not to be blamed if in their concern for restoring the sole object of their devotion to normality, they occasionally over-reach themselves and tread on other people's toes. They are only to be pitied as many a remedy devised by them has been tried, but no signal success has been in sight. They have remembered to put the cause of depression down to every thing and to every one else, but they have managed to forget that perhaps it is with their own selves that they have to contend.

Whether a merchant succeeds or not in his business is certainly not due to the amount of rent which his landlord demands from him. If he finds the premises he is occupying too costly for his purpose, it is time for him to think of retrenchment and to seek ones less costly. He must remember it is not the rapacious landlord who fixed the amount of rent to be paid; it is rather the rapacious tradesman who finds it profitable to offer the landlord so much more in order to oust a more formidable and successful rival. In short, the amount of rent which can be obtained from a house depends directly on the number of persons who desire that house. If there is a plentiful supply of the kind of houses wanted, there will be competition in letting and rents tend to come down. If on the contrary, the supply of the kind of house wanted is limited, there will be competition in hiring and the tendency is for rents to go up. Applying this simple rule to Hong Kong, one can see why rents have on the whole come down since 1925, although in the Central district where the demand is for the business premises rents have not shown much appreciable change. It is clear then that if there is a great demand on property in the Central district, rents in this locality must necessarily remain high and will continue to be high until either the supply is augmented by the erection of more commodious buildings or by the expansion of the existing business area, or the demand is diminished by merchants re-adjusting their office requirements.

There is thus no justification for alleging that succour to the trade of the Colony could be brought by the control or reduction of rents.—Yours, etc.,

COMMON SENSE.

Hong Kong, December 5.

A SHAREHOLDER'S GRIEVANCE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I have read with much interest the letter which appeared under this caption in your issue of to-day.

"A Victim" has put the case very mildly indeed, as it seems to me that if the facts are placed before the Registrar of Companies action might be taken by him for what appear to be misrepresentations in the prospectus and subsequent misapplication of the Company's funds.

I heartily endorse your correspondent's idea that a meeting of shareholders should be held to ventilate their grievances, and also to appoint a Committee to protect their interests and to initiate legal proceedings if necessary.

I suggest that your correspondent take the lead in calling a meeting.—Yours, etc.,

UNION.

Hong Kong, December 5.

MORE ABOUT EXTRALITY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Your editorial of yesterday apparently referred to our paper, the *China Truth*, when you mentioned a "Canton paper" and quoted a sentence from one of our articles, namely, "Mr. Foreigner's extrality appendicitis will be operated by Surgeon C. T. Wang, but there will be no danger to the patient's life in removing the inflammation, since it serves no useful purpose." Your leader said that our "simile" is not appropriate, etc., and declared that the "sudden discovery that extra-territorial rights have no foundation in the treaties is too childish for serious consideration." That was an answer to our argument that extrality is a licence and not a contractual obligation.

In the first place, we fail to see why the *China Truth* is referred to as "a Canton paper" instead of mentioning our name. Some time ago we expressed disagreement with the views of your paper, and were not afraid to mention it in our pages. The *China Truth* always comes out in the open instead of shining behind the bush.

We adhere to our belief that extrality is a licence, although the Chinese Government, as you say, has termed it as limitations "imposed" by treaties. If the views of the Chinese Government are so deeply respected, why contend against its desire to abolish Consular jurisdiction? Again, if extrality is not a licence, why are Great Britain, France, Brazil, and the Netherlands, ready to discuss the matter with a view to their abolition? Besides treaties with China, can you point out other international agreements to-day in which extrality constitutes a subject matter of inter-State obligations? Extrality once existed in Japan, Turkey, Siam, but being a mere grant it is now revoked. The British Government is sharing the same view, as it is ready to abolish capitulations (*i.e.*, extrality) in the proposed treaty with Egypt.—Yours, etc.,

CHINA TRUTH.

Canton, December 4.

[The writer of the above letter appears to be under the strange impression that we are "afraid" to mention the name of the journal he represents. In that idea he is quite mistaken, as he is in his view of our recent recommend. *China Truth* is of opinion that extra-territorial rights "have nothing to do" with the treaties. Our view is directly opposite,—that they are treaty rights. *China Truth* says that Consular jurisdiction was allowed "in the nature of a grant or licence rather than a contractual obligation." Our view is that Consular jurisdiction is distinctly provided for in a contract, and is not an additional concession graciously granted without obligation. The writer of the above letter now agrees with us that the Chinese Government has itself described extra-territoriality as being "imposed" by the treaties, and having made that admission he concedes that extra-territoriality has something to do with the treaties. The other points of his letter do not call for notice other than to reiterate that the Treaty Powers have given sympathetic consideration to China's proposals regarding the abolition of extra-territoriality, and are willing to relinquish those rights when satisfied that conditions in China have become sufficiently stabilised to warrant them so doing. Meanwhile the Powers have intimated their willingness to discuss further proposals from China on the subject. Since making that intimation, the only indication of China's intentions we know of as having been made is the announcement that extra-territorial rights are to be "abolish" from January next by the very simple process of merely declaring that they are abolished. No reputable Chinese merchant in Canton would so deal with a foreign firm with which he entered into a contract.—ED.]

ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

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BANKRUPTCY COURT.

AFFAIRS OF FORMER COURT INTERPRETER.

An application for an adjudication order was made by the Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz) before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Bankruptcy Court yesterday in the matter of Mr. J. V. Dodd, former chief interpreter at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Agassiz said that the case was before his Lordship at the last sitting of the Court when he applied for a recession of the receiving order. There were very large liabilities and debtor had no assets except his salary. At one time debtor obtained employment with a local solicitor, but he held the position for only one month. He had now secured work in Shameen and his employers had consented to deduct $80 a month out of his salary so long as his employment continued.

The application was granted.

JUNK AND COMPANY SINK TOGETHER!

Wong Hop Chou, one of the partners in the Chuen Kee fish stall was publicly examined by the Official Receiver. Three partners in the concern had been examined at a previous sitting.

Witness said that his share in the firm was $2,000 and since the bankruptcy proceedings started he had been in Canton.

Mr. Agassiz: Did you run away?—No.

Witness continued that he owned a junk registered in the name of a man who was not a partner in the firm. A few days ago he had heard from the charterer that the junk had sunk off Swatow with the loss of 13 lives.

Mr. Agassiz: The company has sunk with the junk, I suppose?—It is finished.

Answering further questions, witness said that his house rent was paid by a relative and he had no assets. The examination then closed.

KNITTING FIRM'S AFFAIRS.

An application was made by Mr. F. H. Loseby on behalf of a petitioning creditor for a receiving order to be made against the Kwan Loong Knitting firm and Au Wing, described as the managing partner. He explained that the firm borrowed from his client $681, and a letter signed by Au Wing gave notice that they had suspended payments.

The petitioning creditor, giving evidence, said that Au Wing was the master of the firm, had contol of the chop and managed the business. Witness agreed, in answer to the Official Receiver, that he filed an affidavit on assets on information obtained from Au Wing. In that affidavit witness stated the firm had good book debts to the amount of $320,000 and he believed that to be true although Au Wing did not disclose the names of the debtors.

Witness agreed that he had stated the value of the stock-in-trade, machinery and fittings to be $4,700.

The Official Receiver said that this actually fetched $1,015 at auction. Against this there were claims and distress for rent which left a balance of about $700.

After argument his Lordship was not satisfied that there were sufficient assets and dismissed the petition.

In the case of the Hing Loong firm, an application for an adjudication order was granted.

REDUCTION OF A COMPANY'S CAPITAL.

APPLICATION FOR COURT CONFIMATION.

An application was made by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadeson of Messrs. Deacons, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Supreme Court yesterday for confirmation of a special resolution reducing the capital of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., from $400,000 divided into 40,000 shares of $10 each to $200,000 divided into 40,000 shares of $5 each.

Counsel explained that the proposed reduction would not involve either diminution of any liability in respect of any paid-up capital or any payment to any shareholder of any part of the paidup capital. The reason for the reduction was that $200,000 was unrepresented by available assets. The loss had been entirely due to the fact that during the eight years the company has been operating, nothing had been written off the assets for depreciation. The company had written off $149,000 odd for depreciation of the assets set out in the statement of the chairman, and in addition a reserve fund of $64,000 had been started. With liabilities amounting to $10,000 there was a reduction in the assets of just over $200,000.

Mr. Sheldon replying to his Lordship, added that there was no question of any decrease in the fund out of which dividends were paid.

His Lordship granted the application.

(*Continued at foot of next column*).

ROUND THE COURTS.

BURGLAR EXPLAINS HIS METHOD.

Pleading guilty to two charges of stealing three articles of clothing from the first floor of 335, Nathan Road, occupied by Mrs. Brown; and stealing a quantity of jewellery to the value of $300 from 12, Jordan Road, a Chinese was sentenced by Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistracy to one months' hard labour on the first charge and two months' on the second charge.

Detective Sergeant Fitches who was in charge of the case told the Magistrate that the defendant was arrested on suspicion by a Chinese detective. He was closely questioned and admitted that he had stolen a woollen garment which he was wearing from the first floor of 335 Nathan Road. Defendant was further questioned and admitted having stolen a quantity of jewellery also from the address in Jordon Road.

The defendant blandly explained that he usually examined the houses he intended to rob during the day and when opportunity came he would burgle the place at night.

The defendant had served several terms of imprisonment on a number of convictions.

A THIEVING VISITOR.

An ex-employee at the Kingsclere Hotel was charged with stealing property from two coolies living at the servant's quarters of the Hotel. He pleaded guilty.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys told the Magistrate that the defendant visited the two servants of the Hotel and after he had gone they found several articles of clothing missing. He was suspected and when he visited them again they had him arrested. One suit of clothing was found at a pawnshop.

The defendant who had had a previous conviction was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

HOUSE COOLIE SENTENCED.

A house coolie in the employ of Mr. H. M. Large of the Duro Motor Garage living at 2 Torres Building was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

It was stated that while alone in one of the rooms, the defendant opened the safe where his master kept his money and stole $30 which he concealed under the carpet in the sitting room.

The police were summoned and the servants were closely questioned. The defendant finally confessed and showed the police where he had hidden the money.

DETECTIVE OUTWITS BANISHEE.

Sergeant Howarth prosecuted yesterday in a case in which a Chinese was charged with assaulting a Police Officer and with returning from banishment.

It was stated that the defendant was seen half way up the stairs of a house in Connaught Road Central which was undergoing repairs. On sighting Sergeant Howarth witness ran away and managed to evade the Sergeant but the latter returned to Connaught Road and kept a watch on the house. In due course the defendant turned up and was arrested, after a short chase.

When caught, he put up a violent struggle in the course of which he broke two of the Sergeant's false teeth.

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Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed on the charge of resisting arrest while for returning from banishment he was sentenced to a further six months and twenty four strokes.

BIG OPIUM HAUL.

The storekeeper of the s.s. Mantauk, of which the local agents are the American Mail Line, was fined $6,000 (or 12 months' hard labour) for possession of 515 taels of illicit opium.

The Revenue Officer in charge of the case stated that the drug was carefully concealed in a storeroom built around a mast. They found the packages of opium at the bottom of the mast neatly camouflaged with paint.

The accused had possession of the key to the storeroom at the time of the visit of the Revenue Officers to the ship, but when the opium was discovered, he made a statement to the effect that the ship's bo'sun kept the storeroom key and that he himself was only in temporary charge of it.

He had informed the Revenue Officers that the bo'sun slept a night in that storeroom while the ship was in Shanghai and it was then that the bo'sun had probably smuggled the contraband into the store-room.

After the conviction his Worship said that the circumstances called for further investigations. The advisability of recalling the vessel and locating the missing bo'sun was discussed and this matter was left to the Import and Export Office.

HOME FOOTBALL.

FIRST ROUND CUP MATCH REPLAYS.

Five out of the seven replays necessary in the first round of the English Cup competition took place on Wednesday, but two matches were again drawn after extra time had been called in each case, while Folkestone and Clapton Orient had two goals each at the end of extra time.

Barry, Chesterfield and Port Vale entered the second round, due for play on December 14, the draw for which was published on Wednesday. Barry will be guests at Brighton, while Chesterfield will be at home to Port Vale.

The following are the results of first round replays cabled by Reuter:—

Dagenham	0	Barry	1
Shildon	1	Doncaster	1
Chesterfield	3	Southport	2
Port Vale	5	Gainsboro T.	0
Folkestone	2	Clapton O.	2

LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

English League teams have a full programme to-morrow, the fixtures being as under:—

Division I.

Birmingham	*v.*	Manchester C.
Blackburn	*v.*	Leeds U.
Grimsby	*v.*	Everton
Huddersfield	*v.*	Portsmouth.
Leicester	*v.*	Derby.
Liverpool	*v.*	Burnley
Manchester U.	*v.*	Bolton
Middlesbro'	*v.*	Wednesday.
Newcastle	*v.*	Aston Villa.
Sheffield U.	*v.*	Arsenal.
West Ham	*v.*	Sunderland

Division II.

Barnsley	*v.*	Stoke.
Blackpool	*v.*	Wolves
Bradford	*v.*	Hull.
Bury	*v.*	Bradford C.
Chelsea	*v.*	Swansea.
Millwall	*v.*	Bristol C.
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Division III. (Southern).

Brentford	*v.*	Luton.
Brighton	*v.*	Walsall
Bristol R.	*v.*	Bournemouth
Clapton O.	*v.*	Southend.
Coventry	*v.*	Exeter.
Merthyr	*v.*	Norwich
Newport	*v.*	Gillingham.
Plymouth	*v.*	Fulham
Swindon	*v.*	Queen's P. R.
Torquay	*v.*	Crystal P.
Watford	*v.*	Northampton.

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow	*v.*	Lincoln.
Carlisle	*v.*	Rotherham.
Crewe	*v.*	Accrington
Nelson	*v.*	Rochdale
New Brighton	*v.*	Doncaster
Port Vale	*v.*	Chesterfield.
Southport	*v.*	S. Shields
Stockport	*v.*	Hartlepools
Wigan	*v.*	Halifax.
Wrexham	*v.*	Tranmere.
York City	*v.*	Darlington

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen	*v.*	Hibernians
Ayr United	*v.*	Morton.
Celtic	*v.*	St. Mirren
Cowdenbeath	*v.*	Clyde.
Dundee U.	*v.*	Falkirk.
Hearts	*v.*	Airdrie.
Motherwell	*v.*	Kilmarnock
Queen's Park	*v.*	Hamilton.
Rangers	*v.*	Dundee.
St. Johnstone	*v.*	Partick

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial news.
12.30 to 1.30 p.m.—Demonstration programme.
1.48 p.m.—Weather report.
5 to 5.30 p.m.—Chinese records.
5.30 to 7 p.m.—Programme of Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson.
7 to 9.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

STUDIO CONCERT.

9.30 to 11 p.m.—European Studio Concert.
9.30 p.m.—The String Octet of H.M.S. Hermes.
9.38 p.m.—Mrs. A. Rendall (Soprano) will sing "Rosebud," F. Drummond. Accompanist: Mr. George Grimble.
9.44 p.m.—Mr. Li Chor Chi (Tenor) will sing "Serenata," Toselli.
9.52 p.m.—The "Musical Maranders" in Syncopated Harmony.
10 p.m.—Mr. Hyde-Lay (Baritone) will sing "Hinton and Dinton and More," Holliday.
10.8 p.m.—The String Octet of H.M.S. Hermes.
10.16 p.m.—News bulletin.
10.25 p.m.—The String Octet of H.M.S. Hermes.
10.30 p.m.—Mr. Li Chor Chi (Tenor). Accompanist: Mr. C. E. Longyear. Violin Obbligato, Mr. H. S. Yung.
10.37 p.m.—Mrs. A. Rendall (Soprano) will sing. Accompanist: Mr. George Grimble.
10.45 p.m.—The "Musical Maranders" in Syncopated Harmony.
10.53 p.m.—Mr. Hyde-Lay (Baritone) will sing. Accompanist: Mr. George Grimble.
11 p.m.—The String Octet of H.M.S. Hermes.
11.10 p.m. Close down.

EXPLORERS' WAIT FOR DEATH.

REVOLVERS AT CABIN DOOR.

LAST SURVIVOR'S NOTE.

Canon John Hornby Armistead, of Sandbach, Cheshire, cousin and executor of Mr. John Hornby, who with two companions, Mr. Edger Christian and Mr. Harold Challenor, Evan Adlard, perished from starvation during an exploration expedition in the wilds of North-west Canada, has received a copy of the official report describing the finding of the bodies.

The report, which was sent by the G. Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Reliance, North-west Province, and dated Great Slave Lake Sub-district, August 12, 1929, is as follows:—

"Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that on July 2, 1929, accompanied by Corporal Williams and Constable Kirk, with two canoes and provisions, I left Reliance for the cabin of the Hornby party, arriving there on July 25. The cabin was about 100 yards from the river. In front of the cabin were a few rusty traps and a sack of white fox pelts. This had been torn open, evidently by wolves. To the east of the door of the cabin next to the wall were two bodies lying side by side. The one closer to the wall was done up in a burlap (coarse canvas) covered with an old tent. The body was practically a skeleton. According to E. V. Christian's diary this was J. Hornby, who died first on April 16, 1927.

"The other body lay alongside, head facing east, arms crossed. It was tied up in a Hudson Bay blanket. This was also a skeleton. According to E. V. Christian's diary this was Harry Evan Challenor Adlard, who died May 4, 1927. Inside the cabin in the north-east corner and on the floor beside the bunk lay another body. This was evidently the one pulled up the bank accidentally by the Wilson party, who had been there before [in August, 1928]. This also was a skeleton. In the breast pocket was a silver watch, which had stopped at 6.45. This skeleton must be that of Edgar V. Christian, and he must have died soon after June, 1927.

"These bodies were carefully collected and buried. A cross was placed over each grave, with their initials cut out.

Loaded Revolvers at Cabin Door.

"The interior and contents of the cabin were in a deplorable condition through dampness, rain having leaked through the roof. Outside the cabin were two revolvers, which were fully loaded, both being worthless from rust. A little note from E. V. Christians' diary says that the reason these were put outside and kept fully loaded was so that he could more easily shoot any game that came along in his weakened condition.

"Under the window of the west side was a small trunk. This undoubtedly belonged to J. Hornby. It contained photographic supplies. There were about two inches of water in it and the contents were useless. A piece of quartz was in an old sock. Next to the trunk was a leather suitcase. It contained a large notebook and in this was the beginning of a story called 'In the Land of Feast or Famine,' by John Hornby. A preface and the first two chapters only had been written. Next to this suitcase was a small cabin trunk of compressed cane. The name of 'Christian' was painted on it. It contained nothing but clothes which were rotten.

"The table in the cabin was strewn with cups, saucers, and plates containing bones, papers, and ammunition. In the centre of the building was a B.C. heater. On this was a piece of paper nearly illegible, but the following letters could be made out—'who look in stove.' On looking in the stove the following papers were found:—

A diary of E. V. Christian, kept from the time they left Resolution in 1926 until June 1, 1927. In this diary was found a letter from Christian to his mother and several letters of J. Hornby to his relatives. Another small diary of Christian's, and

A small diary of H. E. Adlard with few entries and a letter addressed to his father.

"On the floor of the cabin, the boards of which had been taken up and used for firewood, were scattered pots and pans filled with bones. The only food found in the cabin was half a pound of tea."

Mr. John Hornby was a well-known Canadian explorer and son of the late Mr. A. N. Hornby, the well-known Lancashire cricketer. Mr. Edgar Christian, who was only 20, was his cousin and son of Colonel W. F. Christian, Royal Artillery. Mr. Harold Adlard, aged 28, was the son of Mr. R. E. Adlard, a London printer.

CONCERT FOR CHILDREN.

BIG AUDIENCE AT H.M. INSTITUTE.

Although yesterday's musicale at the Helena May Institute was described as a concert for children, adults constituted by far the larger section of the appreciative audience which packed the hall.

Commencing with a well rendered trio, "Three Little Maids," by H. Goodman, H. Bonenfant and G. Lloyd-Jones, the programme was soon in full swing. Mr. R. A. Green's powerful but expressive baritone voice was heard to advantage in Landon Ronald's "Falmouth is a Fine Town" and Weatherley's "Mickey's Advice" and Beryl Goldenburg, George Jowitt and Colin Quinn added a charming air of informality to the proceedings with an Irish jig.

Mrs. D. J. Valentine gave an intriguing version of three excerpts from May H. Brahe's "The Fish Shop"—"The Fishmonger," "The Salmon," and "The Plaice"—and Rachael Wong and Stella Ho were warmly applauded for their clever *pas de deux*.

With the able assistance of Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, a graceful minuet was danced by Majorie Simpson ("Grandpapa") and Mary Frances Wallace ("Grandmamma"), while Beryl Golderburg, David Choy, George Jowitt and Colin Quin gave the "Dance of the Bunnies" very cleverly.

Reminiscences of "When We Were Very Young" were recalled by a concerted number, "The King's Breakfast" (A. A. Milne) given by Audrey Newhouse (the King), Patricia Little (the Queen), Doreen Bowes-Smith (the Dairy maid), and Joan Bowes-Smith (the Alderney) under the guidance of Mrs. D. J. Valentine.

The accompanists were Mme. Bonenfant and Mrs. Scott Little.

We are asked to remind readers that Mrs. Bowes-Smith is giving a vocal and pianoforte recital in the Helena May Institute on January 9, 1930.

LICENCE TO PLY A "CARROOM."

SIX LONDONERS WHO SHARE THE HONOUR.

There are six men in London who can ply a carroom. It is not quite clear exactly what a carroom is, but whatever it is these six men can ply it.

Officially they are known as Finch John, Giles William, Harman Thomas Samuel, Humphrey James Arthur, Jacobs Tom Clifford, and Park Albert Henry.

Their names are posted on the obelisk in Holborn, opposite Gray's Inn-road, frequently used for police notices. On the obelisk is a notice reading: "Licensed Carmen. List of persons licensed to stand and ply for hire, carts, carrs and carrooms within City of London and liberty thereof." Then follow the names of the six carroomites, Finch John, Giles William, Harman Thomas Samuel and all.

Policeman's Reply.

Around the obelisk were ordinary hawkers' carts, but nothing that looked like a carroom. One dealer, when asked (perhaps it was Finch John or Giles William): "Is this a carroom?" replied: "No, a marrow." And a neighbouring policeman, when asked to define a carroom, replied pithily: "Less of it."

The matter became interesting. Was a carroom something "not quite nice," something that Humphrey James Arthur or Park Albert Henry brought out stealthily o' nights for a secret 'ply?

Six famous dictionaries could not help. One thought that carroom was a defunct billiards term, the others simply ignored it. A librarian refused to believe in the existence of the carroom, and stated

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vehemently that in his opinion Finch John and Giles William were myths!

There came at length "The Clever Librarian," who loves dictionaries. With reverence he brought forth an aged yellow dictionary and thumbed it happily.

"Carroom," said "The Clever Librarian," "carroom is apparently a misspelling for carroon, which is a licence to ply for hire with a cart, issued by the City of London."

What, then, is a carr?

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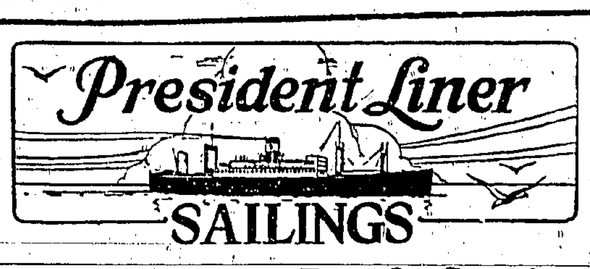
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Anyo Maru due from Singapore Dec. 20.
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Bronxville due from Europe Jan. 19.
Burgenland due from Europe Jan 5.
Canton due from Shanghai Dec. 20.
Ceylon due from Hamburg Dec. 9.
Changte due from Manila Dec. 9.
Chenonceaux arrived from Shanghai Dec. 3.
Chinese Prince due from New York Dec. 17.
City of Durham due from Europe Dec. 18.
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City of Kobe due from Europe Jan. 12.
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Coblenz due from Europe Jan. 18.
Cyclops due from Japan Dec. 20.
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Dakar Maru due from Japan Dec. 10.
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Demodocus due from Europe Dec. 31.
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Hakone Maru due from Shanghai Dec. 13.
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Havelland due from Europe Dec. 16.
Hector due from Europe Jan. 9.
Hilda due from Europe Dec. 23.
Himalaya due from Shanghai Dec. 27.
Ilmar due from Shanghai Dec. 18.
Isar due from Shanghai Jan. 4.
Ixion due from Europe Jan. 7.
Jeypore due from Europe Dec. 12.
Kalyan arrived London Dec. 1.
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Koenigsberg due from Shanghai Dec. 24.
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Mantua due from Europe Jan. 2.
Mirzapore due from Europe Dec. 20.
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Muroran Maru due from Japan Dec. 14.
Nellore due from Europe Jan. 6.
Oldenburg arrived from Singapore Dec. 4.
Panama due from Europe Dec. 17.
Patroclus due from Shanghai Dec. 23.
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Siamese Prince arrived from New York Dec. 4.
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PRINCE LINE.

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CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Undersigned before Thursday, the 12th December, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 9th December, 1929.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hong Kong, 3rd Dec., 1929. [8714

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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...	...	...	£30½	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	£34½
...	...	...	£15½	Do. "C"	...	...	...	£15
$96	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia	$95	...	...	...
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...	...	...	$695	Canton Ins.	...	...	...	$700
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T160	...	...	...	North China	...	...	...	T160
$358	...	...	...	Union Ins.	...	$358	...	...
...	...	...	M.850	Yangtsze Ins.	...	...	...	$80
$310	...	...	...	China Fires	$310	...	...	...
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...	...	...	T.7½	New Engineerings	...	...	...	T.7½
...	...	...	T.190	Hongkews	...	...	...	...
				Cotton Mills				
T14.80	...	...	...	Ewos	T14.80	...	...	...
T.77	...	...	...	Shai. C'tons (old)	...	...	...	T.78
...	...	...	T.49½	Do. (new)	...	...	...	T.51
...	...	...	T.9¼	Zoong Sings	...	...	...	T9.40
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...	...	...	$11¾	Peak Trams (old)	$11.65	...	...	...
...	...	...	$6.05	Do. (new)	$5½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$69½	Star Ferries	...	...	...	$70½
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...	...	...	$16.10	Do. (new)	$15.85	...	...	...
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$23	...	...	...	Macao do.	...	...	...	...
...	$2½	...	...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
$7.80	...	...	...	Telephones	...	...	...	$8
T.16½	...	...	...	China Buses	...	...	...	...
...	10/-	...	...	Tractions	...	...	...	9/-
...	19/-	...	...	Do. (pref.)	...	...	...	...
				Industrials				
...	...	...	T.11	Caldbeck, (ord.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.10	Macgregor (pref.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$2½	Canton Ices	...	...	...	$3
...	...	...	$12.90	Cements (comb.)	...	...	...	$12½
...	...	...	$9½	Do (old)	...	...	...	$9
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$5	...	...	...	**Miscellaneous**				
...	...	...	$20½	Dairy Farms	$20½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$0.80	Der A. Wings	...	...	...	...
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$18	...	...	...	Mackintoshs	...	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	Sinceres (old)	$10½	...	...	...
...	$12	...	...	Do. (new)	$9¾	...	...	...
...	...	...	$2½	Watsons	$11.40	...	...	...
...	...	...	60%	Wm. Powells	...	...	...	$3½
4½%	prem.	...	...	B. Ind. G.S Bonds	60%	...	...	...
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Swatow & Shanghai ...	"CHUSAN" ...	On 10th Dec.,	Daylight
Amoy, Shanghai & Dalny ...	"LIANGCHOW"	On 11th Dec.,	3 p.m.
Swatow & Shanghai ...	"CHEKIANG" ...	On 12th Dec.,	Daylight
Swatow, Ningpo & S'hai. ...	"TAMING" ...	On 13th Dec.,	Daylight
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong ...	"CHENGTU" ...	On 14th Dec.,	10 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao...	"SOOCHOW" ...	On 15th Dec.,	Daylight
Amoy, Swatow & S'pore. ...	"ANKING" ...	On 15th Dec.,	8 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KWANGCHOW"	On 15th Dec.,	11 a.m.
Hoihow S'pore. & Bangkok ...	"KINGYUAN" ...	On 17th Dec.,	11 a.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin...	"KUEICHOW"	On 18th Dec.,	10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong ...	"CHUSAN" ...	On 27th Dec.,	10 a.m.
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Station	Dec. 4, 1929. Hong Kong Standard Time	Barometer at Sea Level: Inches	Barometer at Sea Level: Millrs.	Temperature	Humidity	Wind: Direction	Wind: Force (Beaufort)	Weather (Beaufort)	Dec. 5, 1929. Hong Kong Standard Time	Barometer at Sea Level: Inches	Barometer at Sea Level: Millrs.	Temperature	Humidity	Wind: Direction	Wind: Force (Beaufort)	Weather (Beaufort)
Wladivostock ...	12	30.32	770.1	18	...	NNE	5	c	6	30.36	771.2	11	...	NE	3	b
Nemuro	11	...	...	...	...	E	1	...	5	29.92	760.0	...	...	NNW	2	...
Hokodate	"	29.90	759.5	...	...	NW	3	...	"	30.08	764.0	...	...	NNW	1	...
Tokio	"	29.76	756.0	...	...	NNW	3	...	"	30.20	767.0		...		0	...
Kochi	"	30.02	762.5	...	...	N	2	...	"	30.34	770.5	...	...	NW	1	...
Nagasaki	"	30.18	766.5	...	...	NW	2	...	"	30.28	769.0	...	...	NNW	1	...
Kagoshima ...	"	30.14	765.3	...	...	NW	3	...	"	30.24	768.0	...	...	N	3	...
Oshima	"	30.20	767.0	...	...	NNE	3	...	"	30.24	768.0	...	...	NE	2	...
Naha	"	30.20	767.0	...	..	N	5	...	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	NNE	1	...
Ishigakijima ...	"	30.24	768.0	...	...	NNE	3	...	"	30.02	762.5	...	...	N	1	...
Bonin Island ...	"	30.02	762.5	...	...	S	1	...	6	30.41	772.4	36	100	WSW	1	b
Chefoo	15	30.34	770.6	36	90	WSW	1	b	"	30.51	774.9	25	87	NW	1	b
Shanghai	14	30.53	775.5	45	86	NW	2	b	"	30.53	775.4	38	63	N	2	b
Gutzlaff	"	30.54	775.7	44	60	NNW	6	o	7	30.29	769.3	54	68	NE	2	b
Sharp Peak ...	"	30.28	769.1	60	65	E	4	o	6	30.26	768.6	55	80	NE	4	b
Amoy	"	30.00	762.0	58	47	ENE	4	o	"	30.22	767.7	61	87	N	2	b
Swatow	"	30.20	767.1	63	84	E	2	b	"	30.30	769.5	57	96	E	4	r
Taihoku	11	30.37	771.3	61	85	...	0	o	5	30.22	767.7	55	...	...	0	o
Taichu	"	30.25	768.3	64	...	N	4	o	"	30.18	766.5	55	...	N	2	b
Tainan	"	30.21	767.4	64	...	N	4	o	"	30.13	765.3	66	...	NE	4	b
Koshun	"	30.17	766.2	72	...	NE	6	b	"	30.20	767.1	63	...	NNE	6	o
Pescadores	"	30.28	768.6	64	...	NE	6	b	"	30.23	767.8	55	71	...	0	b
Hong Kong ...	14	30.21	767.3	66	52	W	3	b	6	30.22	767.6	..	...	NNE	4	b
Gap Rock	"	30.21	767.3	...	...	NNW	5	b	"	30.21	767.4	50	74	N	4	b
Macao	"	30.21	767.4	59	58	NNE	4	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	30.13	765.3	69	85	NE	6	o
Pratas Island ...	"	30.15	765.8	70	75	NE	7	o	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	15	30.22	767.7	66	63	...	0	o	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James ..	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basco	14	30.05	763.2	75	67	NE	4	o	6	30.07	763.8	70	74	NE	4	o
Aparri	"	30.00	762.0	78	82	NE	6	r	"	30.02	762.5	73	75	NE	6	o
Tuguegarao ...	"	29.95	760.8	77	76	N	4	r	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	"	29.87	758.7	82	57	NNW	6	r	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	"	29.91	759.6	81	73	E	1	o	"	29.92	759.9	72	94	NNE	1	o
Legaspi	"	29.86	758.4	84	81	NNE	2	o	"	29.86	758.4	79	91	N	4	o
Calboyog	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.85	758.1	75	91	...	0	o
Tacloban	"	29.81	757.2	82	74	N	4	o	"	29.85	758.1	77	85	NW	4	o
Iloilo	"	29.82	757.5	86	58	NE	4	o	"	29.84	757.8	73	88	NE	6	o
Cebu	"	29.82	757.5	66	58	NW	1	o	"	29.81	757.2	79	73	N	2	o
Surigao	"	29.81	757.2	81	73	NNE	...	...	"	29.78	756.3	75	94	NW	2	r
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	29.91	759.7	75	...	ENE	2	b
Guam	12.22	29.80	756.9	...	...	NE	4	o	4.22	29.87	758.7	...	...	NE	1	b
Yap	11.00	29.78	756.3	...	...	E	2	o	5	29.85	758.1	...	...	ENE	1	•
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.83	757.7	78	...	SSE	2	c
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.84	757.9	77	...	ESE	1	be
Labuan	14	29.80	756.9	88	66	NW	...	...	6	29.78	756.4	78	86	...	0	b

December 5d. 10h. 56m.—The anticyclone remains stationary over the lower Yangtze Valley, and a depression is approaching the southern Visayas.

Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the China Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0·00 inch. Total since January 1, 69·40 inches, against an average of 82·12 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 6.

District.	Forecast.
1.—Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh; fair.
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks	
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan	

C. W. JEFFRIES, *Director.*

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 5.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	30.18	30.28	30.13
Temperature	67	61	64
Humidity ...	45	62	58
Wind—			
Direction	N	N	E
Force ...	2	3	3
Weather ...	B	C	R
Rain ...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 4: 67
Lowest open-air Temperature, 5: 54

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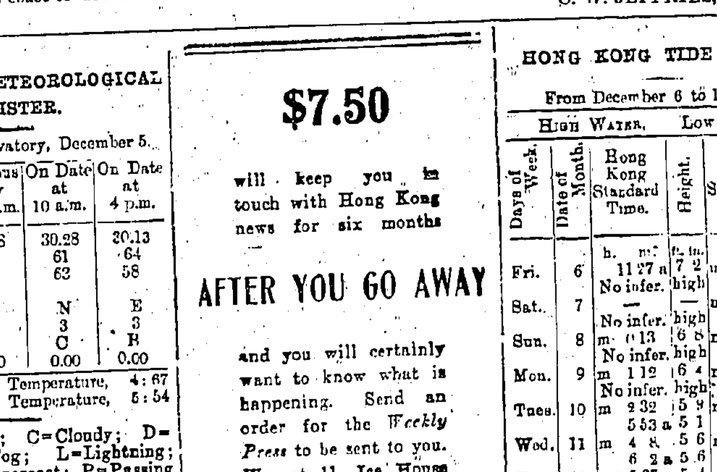
Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water: Hong Kong Standard Time.	High Water: Height.	Low Water: Hong Kong Standard Time.	Low Water: Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	6	11 27 a	7 2	m 7 24	1 6
		No infer.	high	nor low	wat.
Sat.	7	—	—	m 8 18	1 8
		No infer.	high	nor low	wat.
Sun.	8	m 0 13	6 8	m 9 13	2 0
		No infer.	high	nor low	wat.
Mon.	9	m 1 12	6 4	m 10 3	2 2
		No infer.	high	nor low	wat.
Tues.	10	m 2 32	5 9	m 10 47	2 3
		5 53 a	5 1	10 50 a	4 5
Wed.	11	m 4 8	5 6	m 11 26	2 5
		6 2 a	5 6	—	—
Thur.	12	m 5 37	5 4	m 0 4	3 8
		6 20 a	6 2	0 2 a	2 7

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	"KWONGSANG"	Thurs., 12th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"CHAKSANG"	Sun., 15th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"KWAISANG"	Wed., 18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Wed., 18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE ...	"KUMSANG"	Wed., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
	"HOSANG"	Sun., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA ..	"NAMSANG"	Wed., 18th Dec., at 8 p.m.
	"KUTSANG"	Satur., 28th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"YUENSANG"	Mon., 6th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"MAUSANG"	Fri., 27th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"HINSANG"	Satur., 4th Jan., at Noon
TIENTSIN via FOOCHOW & WEI-HAI-WEI ...	"CHIPSHING"	Fri., 13th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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Express Freight	S.S.	"Isar"	departure 5th Jan., 1930
Pass.	S.S.	"SAARBRUECKEN"	departure 11th Jan.
Freight	S.S.	"Augsburg"	departure 20th Jan.
Express Freight	S.S.	"Aller"	departure 31st Jan.
Pass.	S.S.	"COBLENZ"	departure 8th Feb.
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Freight	S.S.	"Franken"	due here 25th Jan.
Pass.	M.S.	"FULDA"	due here 11th Feb.
Freight	S.S.	"Main"	due here 22nd Feb.
Pass.	S.S.	"Trier"	due here 12th Mar.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 4
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 4
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 26
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 15	May 18	May 20	May 22	May 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 12	June 21
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 12
EMPRESS OF CANADA	July 10	July 13	July 15	July 17	July 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 23	July 26	July 29	June 31	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 22
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Oct. 4
EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 7	Oct. 9	Oct. 17
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Nov. 1
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 4	Nov. 6	Nov. 14
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Nov. 12	Nov. 15	Nov. 18	Nov. 20	Nov. 29

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 16,000 TONS; THROUGH CARGO 23,000 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follow:—

		Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
British			
Hydrangea,	Swatow	80	—
Yatshing,	Shanghai	510	1,320
Portcurno,	Newport	6,300	—
Yuensang,	Calcutta	750	1,110
Tilawa,	Calcutta	840	4,180
Szechuen,	Shanghai	450	940
Borneo,	Haiphong	2,200	—
Glenogle,	London	2,800	5,000
		13,880	12,840
French			
D'Artagnan,	Marseilles	120	4,370
		120	4,370
Japanese			
Kumakata Maru,	Keelung	800	800
Roko Maru,	Newchwang	1,320	1,370
Changes Maru,	Nagoya	500	3,730
		2,620	5,900
Chinese			
Foo Lee,	Dairen	200	850
		200	850
Total		16,820	23,960

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	6
American	1	2
French	1	1
Norwegian	1	1
Japanese	4	2
Chinese	5	5
Portuguese	0	2
German	0	1
Italian	0	1
Total	20	22

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Hydrangea (Br.) Calcutta, Singapore	127
Yuensang (Br.) Calcutta, Singapore	275
Tilawa (Br.) Calcutta, Singapore	903
Szechuen (Br.) Shanghai, Swatow	50
Borneo (Br.) Haiphong, Pakhoi	86
D'Artagnan (Fr.) Marseilles, Saigon	94
Tai Hing Chinese) Autou	67
Total	1,602

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

FOR DECEMBER, 1929.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	6.50 a.m.	5.39 p.m.
To-morrow	6.50 ,,	5.39 ,,
Sunday	6.51 ,,	5.39 ,,

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

NEW BRITISH ARRIVAL.

Arriving from Newport with a cargo of 6,300 tons of coal for Hong Kong, the s.s. Portcurno paid her first visit yesterday to this port. The vessel is owned by Messrs. W. E. Hind & Co. and is under charter by the Admiralty. She was built in 1924 by Messrs. Craig, Taylor & Co. of Stockton with a nett tonnage of 2,638 tons and gross, 4,372 tons. Her motor-engines, developing 383 n.h.p. were installed by Messrs. Blair & Co. of Stockton. She is a twin-screw vessel and her dimensions are:—Length 380 feet, beam 52 feet, and depth 25.3 feet. Captain E. J. Niblett is in command with a European crew of 35.

Death at Sea.

The master of the s.s. Tilawa, Captain H. W. Tallent, reported that on December 3, while the vessel was on her way to Hong Kong from Calcutta, a Chinese deck passenger died from heart failure.

Board of Trade Examinations.

The Harbour Master in a report states that the Board of Trade Examinations of masters and mates will not be held during the period from December 23 to January 4, 1930.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves.—Kowloon: Asama Maru, Tilawa, Hague Maru, Glenogle; Chiu On: Hydrangea; O.S.K.: Deli Maru, Canton Maru, Douglas Lapraik: Haiyang.

Docks.—Kowloon: Hang Sang, Chaksang, Thalang, Pingching, Venezia; Taikoo: Deli Maru, Canton Maru; Douglas Lapraik: Haiyang.

Buoys.—A1 Yokohama Maru, A2 Siamese Prince, A3 Teucer, A5 Lahn, A6 Van Heutsz, A8 Telemachus, B9 Tean, A10 Michigan, B13 Kaying, C15 An Lee, C17 Lushan Maru, C19 Foo Lee, B21 Roko Maru, A42 Tinhow, A25 Kambone, A26 Oldenburg, A29 Danmark, B34 Nanning, C35 Heliken, B36 Bintang, C37 Chusan, B38 Tai Fook Sang, C39 Halvard, C40 Wong Shek Kung, C41 Kathe, C42 Shun Lee, C45 Clara Jebsen, C48 Sokndal, B50 Haru Maru, A52 Pearleaf.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived on Tuesday by the s.s. D'Artagnan, from Europe and ports:—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard and child, Miss Picazo, Mr. de Sarta Clara Ferreira, Senhor Tamagnini and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eu Tong Seng and two children, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Wong, Mr. J. B. Ipekdjan, Mrs. O. Osborne, Mr. Dam She Phan, Mr. K. P. Lan Dit Lun Qui Trach, Mr. and Mrs. Lusteguy, Messrs. Hirotaburo Mori, Takematsu Makiyama, Kanichi Morimoto and Tsuneo Tsukaki, Mr. S. Dunn, Mr. G. E. Weber, Mrs. E. Weber de Perez, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Alunan, Mr. G. O'Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Nolston, Mr. Jean Chambelland, Mr. Rene Weil, Mr. and Mrs. Silvinno Cermeno and child, Mr. and Mrs. Thiollier, Mr. and Mrs. Reamey, Mr. and Mrs. Ouan and baby, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ouan, Mr. and Mrs. Mornu, Miss Laurent

(*Continued on next Column.*)

Marthe, Mr. and Mrs. Gewitch and child, Mrs. Crosnier, Mr. and Mrs. Peliepich, Mr. and Mrs. Attilie Rizzio, Mrs. Durand and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Gardey and three children, Mr. Gerault, Mr. Camenen, Mr. and Mrs. Jankelevitch, Mrs. Christine Falkeinstein, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nordgreen, Mrs. A. F. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. Garrido, and Mr. P. H. Barton.

Departures.

The following European passengers left yesterday by the s.s. D'Artagnan, for the North:—Mr. P. R. Petersen, Mr. L. Weill, Mr. Croset, Mr. Leon Bergheim, Mr. Paul Schwob, Mrs. H. H. Ingraham, Mr. A. C. Mack, Rev. Fr. Y. Y. Dequire, Rev. Fr. Henri Langois, Mrs. M. Andres and four children, Miss L. da Rocha, Mrs. Rodriguez and two children, Master Rocha, Master J. Azedo, Mrs. L. G. Lima and baby, Mr. M. Lamielle and Rev. Sister Louise Xavier.

ARRIVALS.

December 4.

Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. J. H. Van den Berg, from Pakhoi, buoy No. C43.—Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Glenogle, British str., 9,513 tons, Capt. Roberts, from London and Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

An Lee, Chinese str., 982 tons, Capt. S. Sano, from Canton, buoy No. C15.—Yee Tai Hong.

December 5.

Chusan, British str., 1,338 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Swatow, buoy No. C37.—B. & S.

Foo Lee, Chinese str., 859 tons, Capt. S. Kita, from Swatow, buoy No. C19.—Shun Tai Hong.

Hague Maru, Japanese str., 5,642 tons, Capt. J. Tsuda, from Japan, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,557 tons, Capt. T. Yasakawa, from Canton, buoy No. C17.—N.Y.K.

Rajputana, British str., 16,643 tons, Capt. F. G. Cadiz, D.S.O., from London, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Siamese Prince, British str. 3,817 tons, Capt. Morrison, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Prince Line.

Standard Arrow, American str., 4,800 tons, Capt. K. P. Olsen, from San Pedro, Lai Chi Kok.—Standard Oil & Co.

Tean, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. A. N. Taylor, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Wakasa Maru, Japanese str., 3,777 tons, Capt. N. Komiyama, from Moji, buoy No. A4.—N.Y.K.

Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 641 tons, Capt. Jose Autimes, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Yiu Yuen S.S. & Co.

CLEARANCES

December 5.

Chusan, for Canton.
Clara Jebsen, for Saigon.
Denmark, for Shanghai.
Foo Lee, for Canton.
Glenogle, for Shanghai.
Hague Maru, for Shanghai.
Haru Maru, for Canton.
Heliken, for Saigon.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Lushan Maru, for Swatow.
Nanning, for Swatow.
Rajputana, for Shanghai.
Siamese Prince, for Manila.
Shun Lee, for Canton.
Tean, for Swatow.
Tilawa, for Amoy.
Wakasa Maru, for Singapore.
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"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	7th Dec., Noon	B'bay., Mars. & L'don.
*"BELTANA"	—	18th Dec.	Mars., L'don., Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & Straits, Colombo & B'bay. [A'werp.
"ALIPORE"	5,273	19th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec.	Mars., L'don., Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & [A'werp.
†"KHYBER"	9,114	28th Dec. 1930	
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	4th Jan.	B'bay., Mars. & L'don.
*"LAHORE"	5,304	11th Jan. [Mars.,	L'don, Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp.
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th Jan.	Mars., London, R'dm. & A'werp
*"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th Jan. [Mars.,	L'don, Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	15th Feb.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'werp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	8th Mar. [Mars.,	L'don., Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'werp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars., L'don, R'dm. & A'werp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th May	Bombay, Mars. & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May [Mars.,	L'don., Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp.
"KHIVA"	9,135	7th June	Marseilles & London.

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"TILAWA"	10,006	30th Dec.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	3rd Jan., 1930	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	14th Jan.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Jan.	do.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Jan., 1930	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"NELLORE"	6,853	31st Jan.	
"TANDA"	6,956	28th Feb.	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	6th Dec., Noon	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	11th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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"KHIVA"	9,135	8th May	do.
"RANPURA"	16,601	23rd May	do.
"KARMALA"	9,128	5th June	do.
"MOREA"	10,954	20th June	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd July	do.
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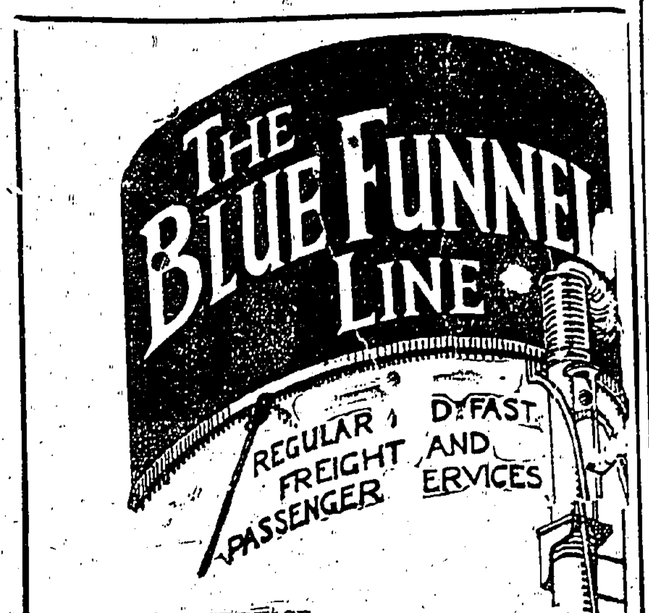
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Japan & Shanghai...	*Rawalpindi* ...	6th Dec.
U.S.A. (Seattle, 18th Nov.), Canada, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	6th Dec.
	Sinkiang ...	7th Dec.
Shanghai & Swatow	*Hakozaki Maru* ...	8th Dec.
Straits	*Penang Maru* ...	9th Dec.
Japan	*Tukuoka* ...	9th Dec.
Straits	*Pres Grant* ...	9th Dec.
Manila	*St. Albans* ...	9th Dec.
Australia & Manila	*Changte* ...	9th Dec.
Australia & Manila	*Sado Maru* ...	10th Dec.
Japan	*Dakar Maru* ...	10th Dec.
Japan	*Antenor*	12th Dec.
London (parcels, 7th Nov.) & Straits ...	*Sydney Maru* ...	12th Dec.
Japan	*Emp. of Asia* ...	12th Dec.
Canada (Victoria, B.C., 23rd Nov.), U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	*Hakone Maru* ...	13th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Muroran Maru* ...	14th Dec.
Japan	*Pres. Hayes* ...	14th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 15th November), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Bingo Maru* ...	15th Dec.
Straits	*Taiyo Maru* ...	16th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 20th Nov.), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Cleveland* ...	16th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 22nd Nov.), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...		

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For	Per	Date & Time
		Friday, 6th,
Bangkok	*Marly*	10.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan & *EUROPE via Siberia	*Rajputana* ...	10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haiyang*	1.00 P M
Saigon, *Straits, *Mauritius, *Laurenco Marques & *South Africa ...	*Tinhow*	1.30 P M
*Straits, East Africa via Mombasa, Lourenco Marques, South Africa & *South American Ports	*Wakasa Maru* ...	2.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 3rd Jan., 1930	*Rawalpindi* ...	*Kowloon P.O.* Parcels 4.30 P M Reg., 7th, 9.00 A M Letters 10.00 A M *G.P.O.* Par., 6th, 5.00 P M Reg., 7th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Saturday, 7th,
Manila	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	4.30 P M
Hoihow & Bangkok	*Bintang*	5.00 P M
Amoy	*Kweiyang* ...	5.00 P M
		Sunday, 8th,
Amoy	*Kanchow*	8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Canton Maru* ...	9.00 A M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kaying*	9.00 A M
		Monday, 9th,
Shanghai & Japan	*Hakozaki Maru* ...	10.30 A M
Japan, Canada U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 30th Dec.	*Pres. Grant* ...	Parcels 3.00 P M Reg. 4.15 P M Letters 5.00 P M Reg. 5.00 P M Letters 6.00 P M
Shanghai and *EUROPE via Siberia ...	*Pres. Grant* ...	Tuesday, 10th, *Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M 1.00 P M 5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th Jan. 1930	*Perseus*	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haiching*	
Swatow	*Kwongsang* ...	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, C. & S. America & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 3rd Jan. 1930, & *Europe via Siberia ...	*Asama Maru* ...	Reg. 5.00 P M Let., 11th, 8.30 A M

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Silver$14,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors$30,000,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 27th Nov., 1929. [26

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For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. C. HYNES,
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Paid-Up Capital...Gldrs. 80,000,000- (£6,666,667.)
Reserve Fund.....Gldrs. 40,000,000- (£3,333,333.)

Head Office:—Amsterdam.*
Eastern Head Office:—Batavia.
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P. M. ELBERG,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1929. [34

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Hong Kong Currency.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL..$11,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 8,664,200
RESERVE FUND 860,000

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HANKOW	PENANG	ZAMBOANGA (Philippine Islands)
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year, or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1929. [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE
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HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

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Capital, fully paid-up ...	50,000,000
Special Working Capital	50,000,000
Reserves	22,319,000

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A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st July, 1929.

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HEAD OFFICE:—
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital£1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest ...£1,612,047

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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 1st Oct., 1929. [29

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中國銀行

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... $60,000,000.00
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RESERVE FUND 9,864,398.69

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SHOU J. CHEN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th June, 1927. [28

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Subscribed Capital Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.102,000,000.00

BRANCHES:

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Battambang	Hue	Saigon
Cantho	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Canton	Nam-Dinh	Singapore
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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
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A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929. [32

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Vladivostock (Temporarily closed).
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Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/8⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/9⅛
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/9¼
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	104.2½
Credits, 4 months' sight	111.7½
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	41
Credits, at 60 days' sight	42⅛
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	112½
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	112⅛
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	75½
Private, 30 days' sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	83½
ON MANILA.—On demand...	82
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	72½
ON BATAVIA.—On demand...	—
ON HAIPHONG.—	
On demand	nom.
ON SAIGON.—On demand...	nom.
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand	—
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	11.43
GOLD LEAF, 10 fine, per tael	—
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